



Climate Update

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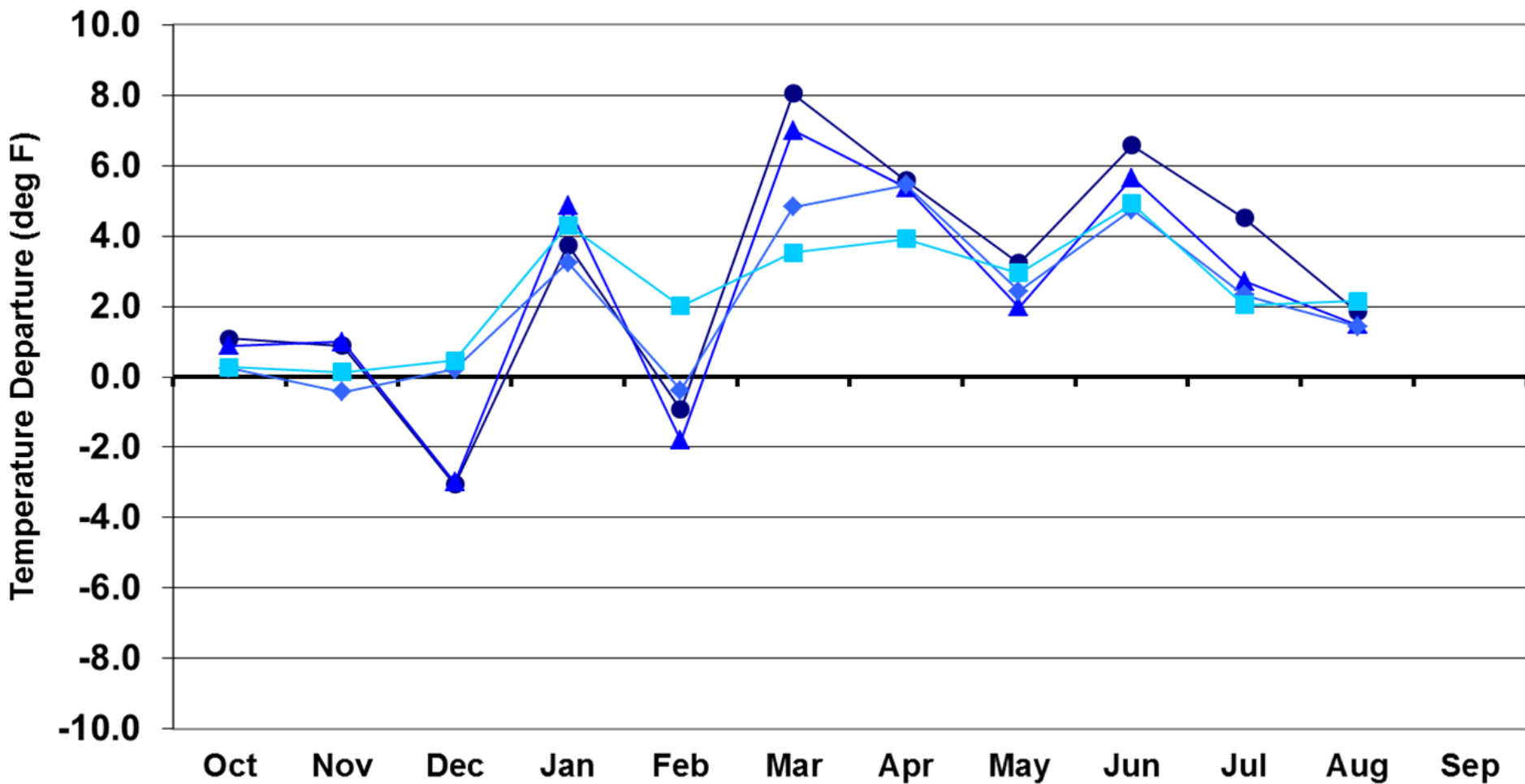
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Water Year 2012 Temperature Departures

Water Year 2012



● Eastern Plains

▲ Foothills

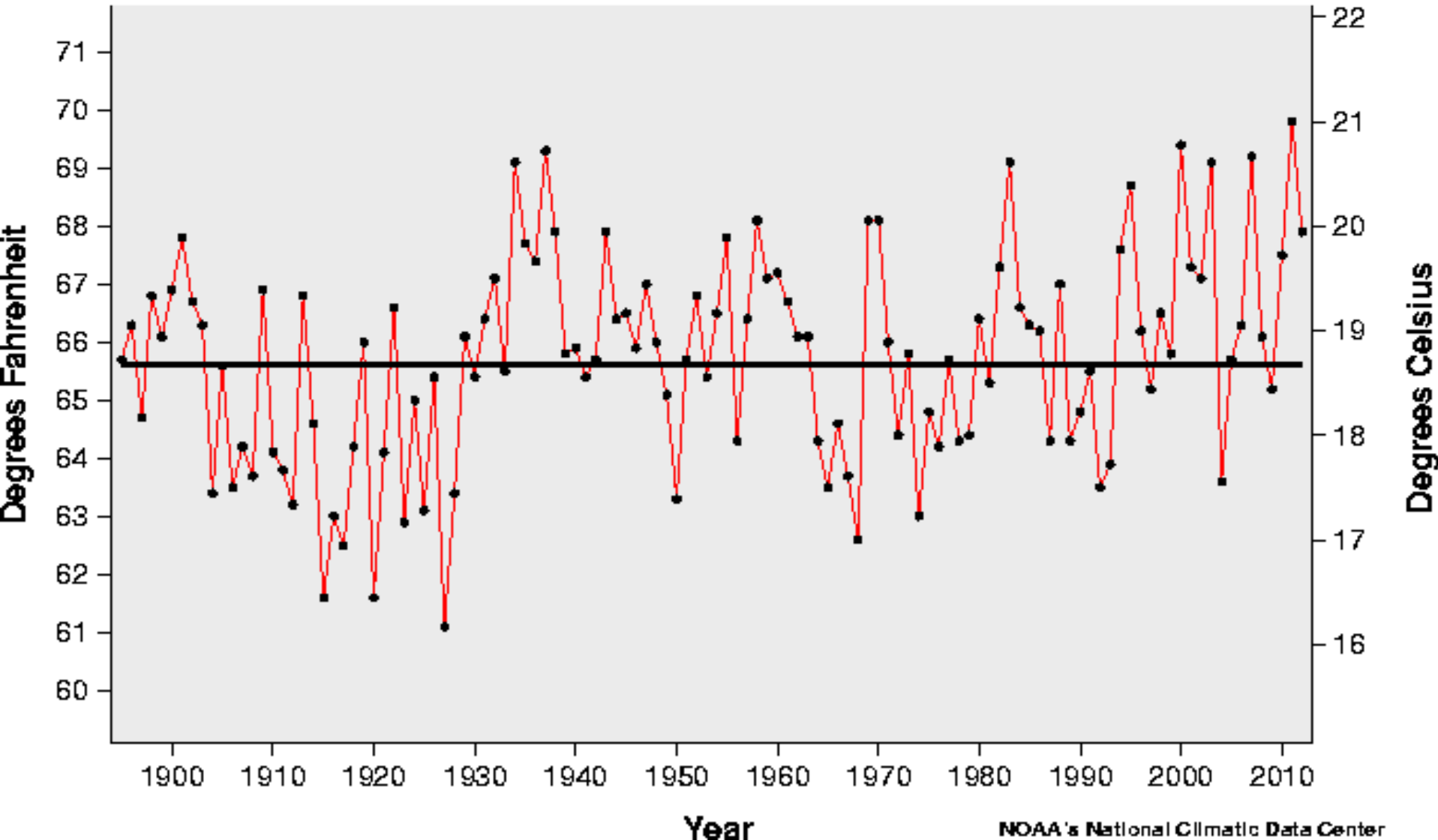
◆ Mountains

■ Western Valleys

August Average Temperature History for Colorado (NCDC)

— Actual Temperature
— Average Temperature

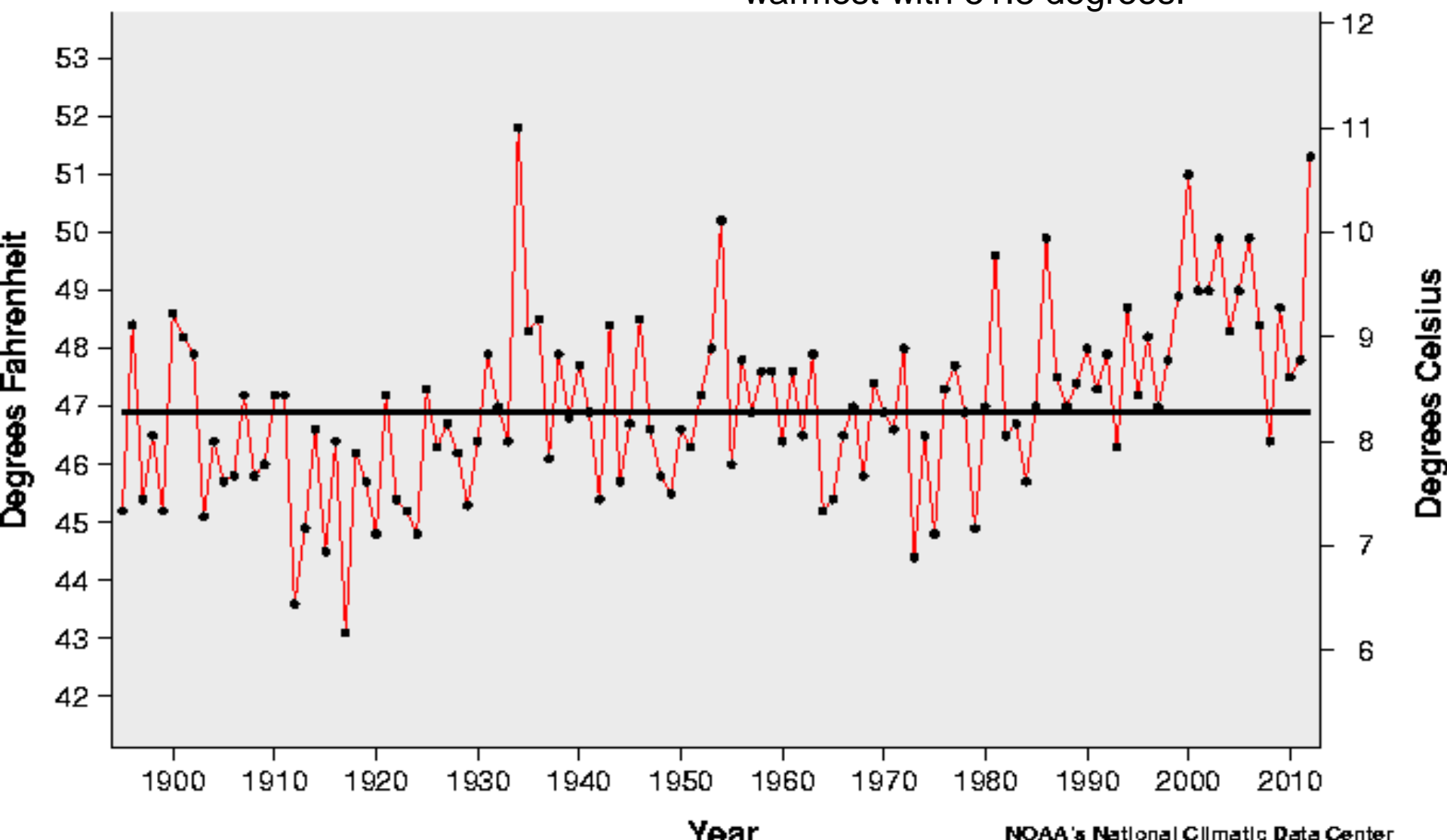
67.9 Ranks as the 12th warmest on record
1895-2012.



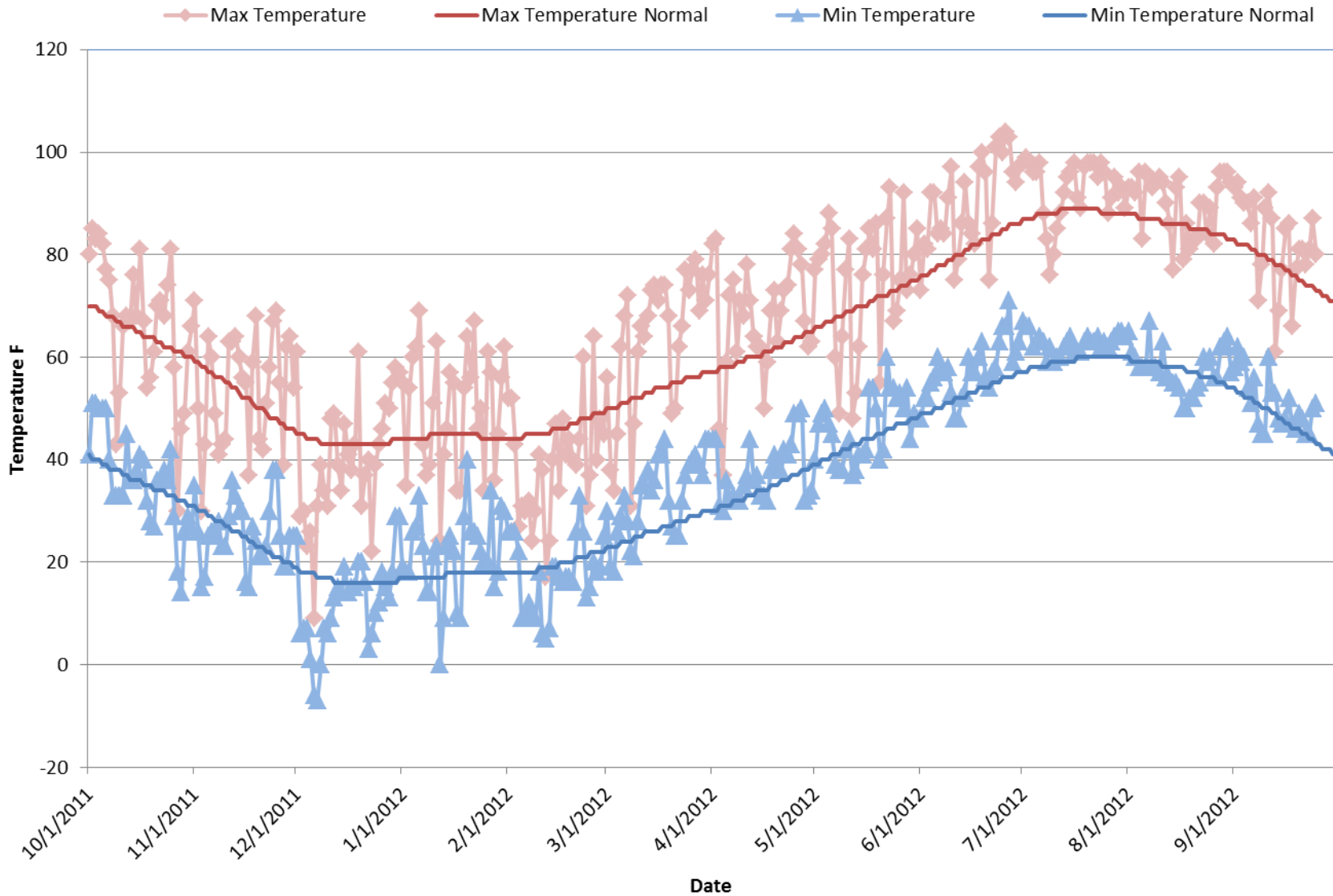
Calendar Year Average Temperature History for Colorado (NCDC)

— Actual Temperature
— Average Temperature

51.4 Ranks as the 2nd warmest on record 1895-2012. 1934 Calendar year was warmest with 51.8 degrees.

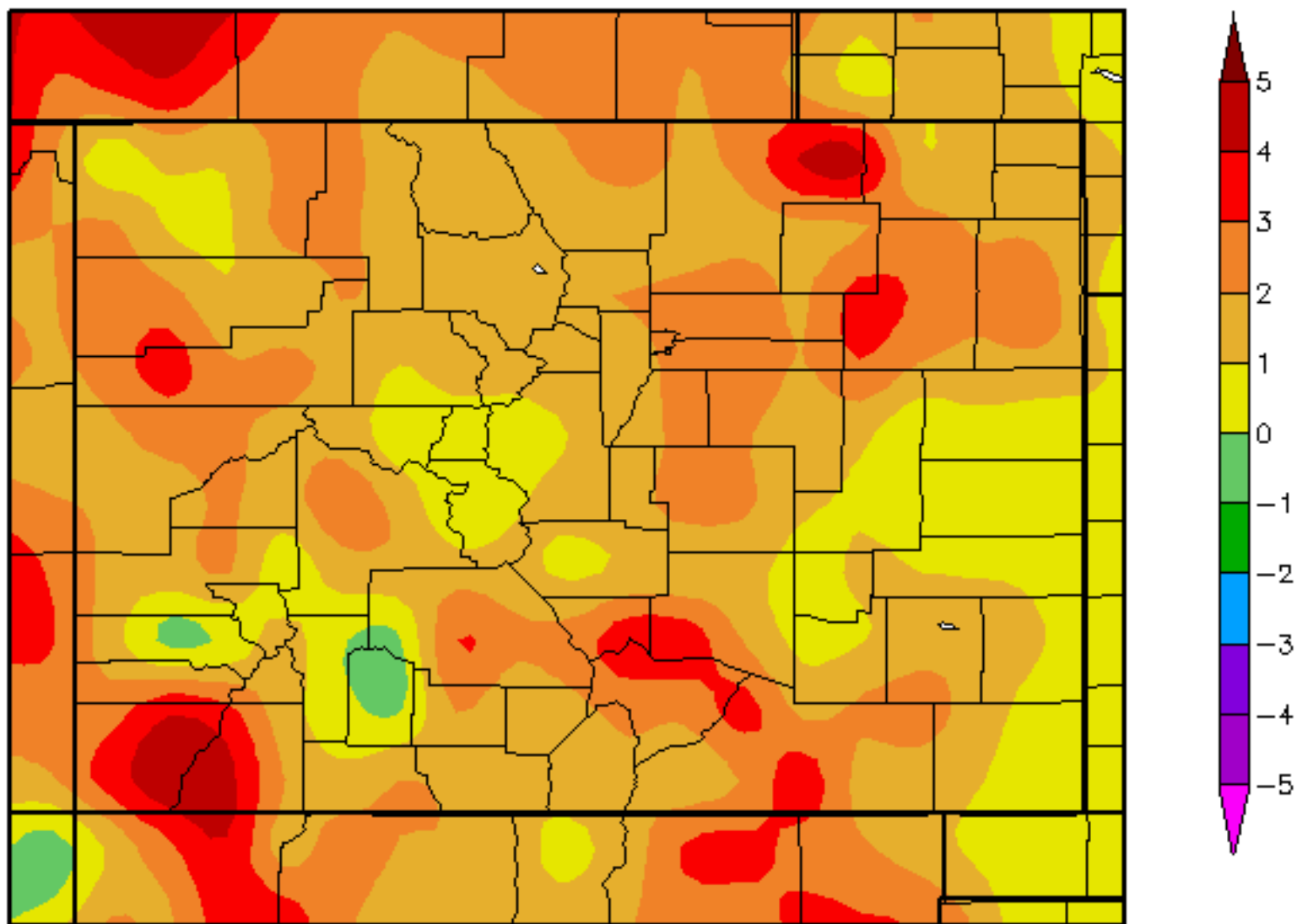


Denver Stapleton Daily Max/Min Temperatures and Normals



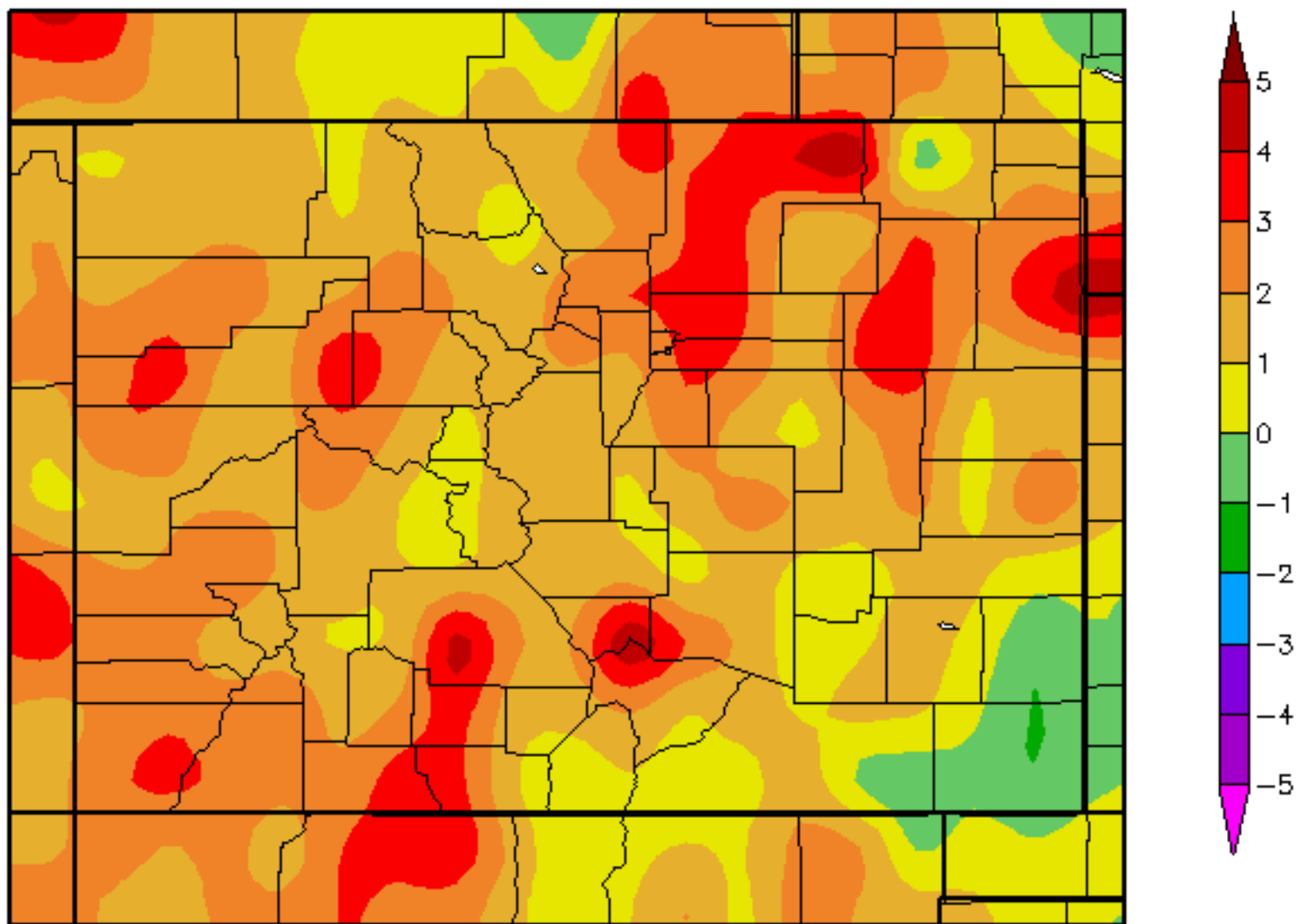
Departure from Normal Temperature (F)

8/1/2012 - 8/31/2012

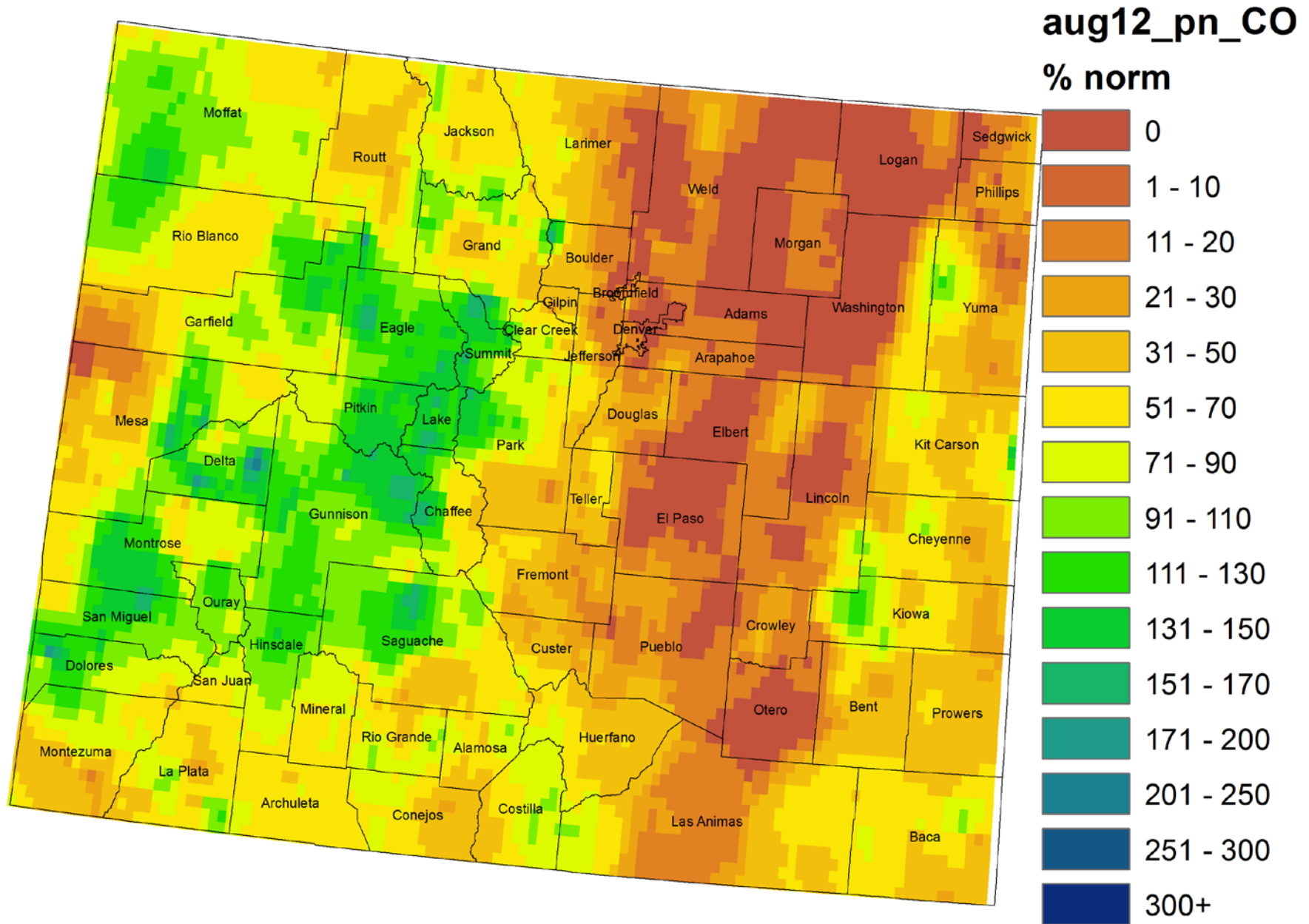


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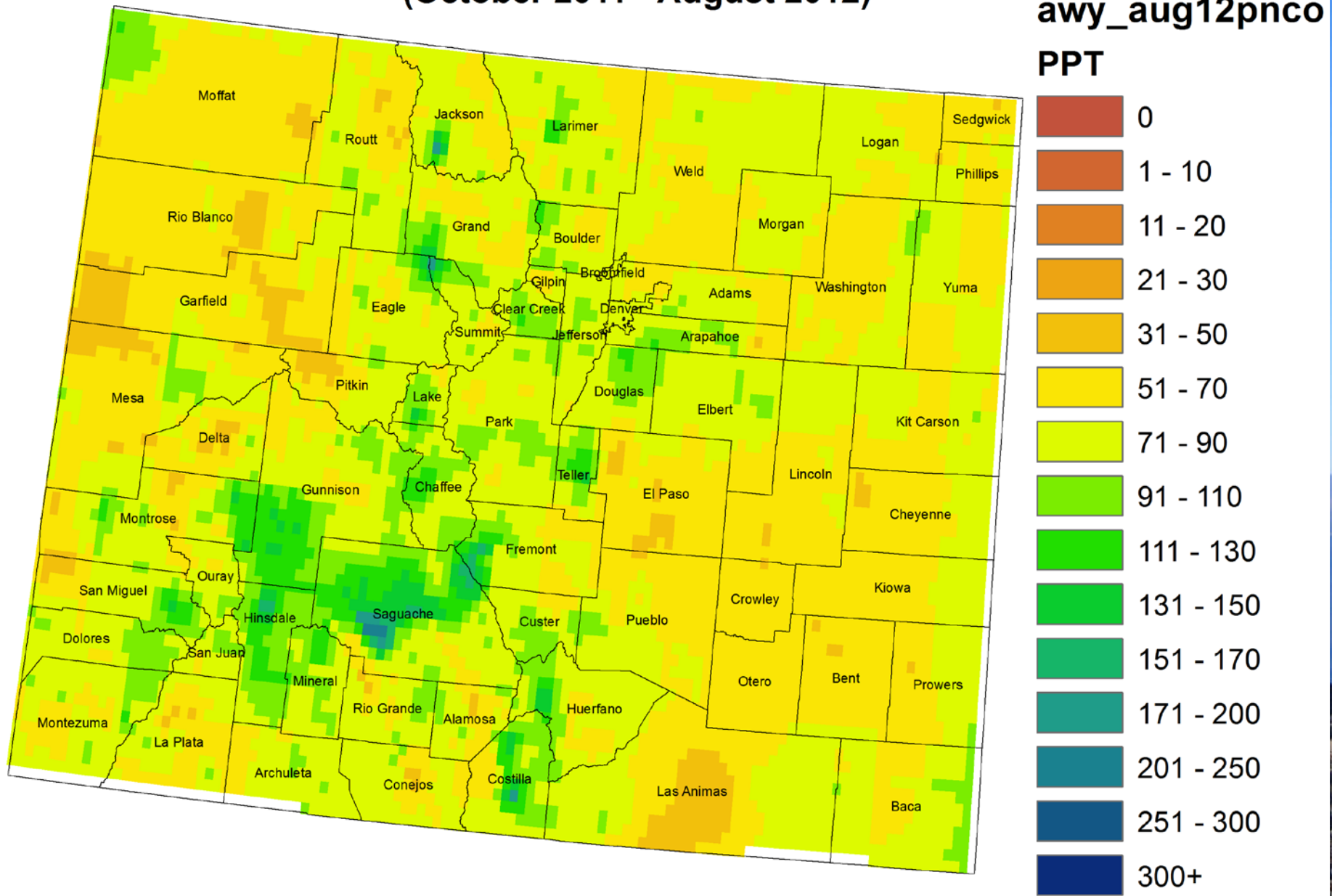
9/1/2012 - 9/24/2012



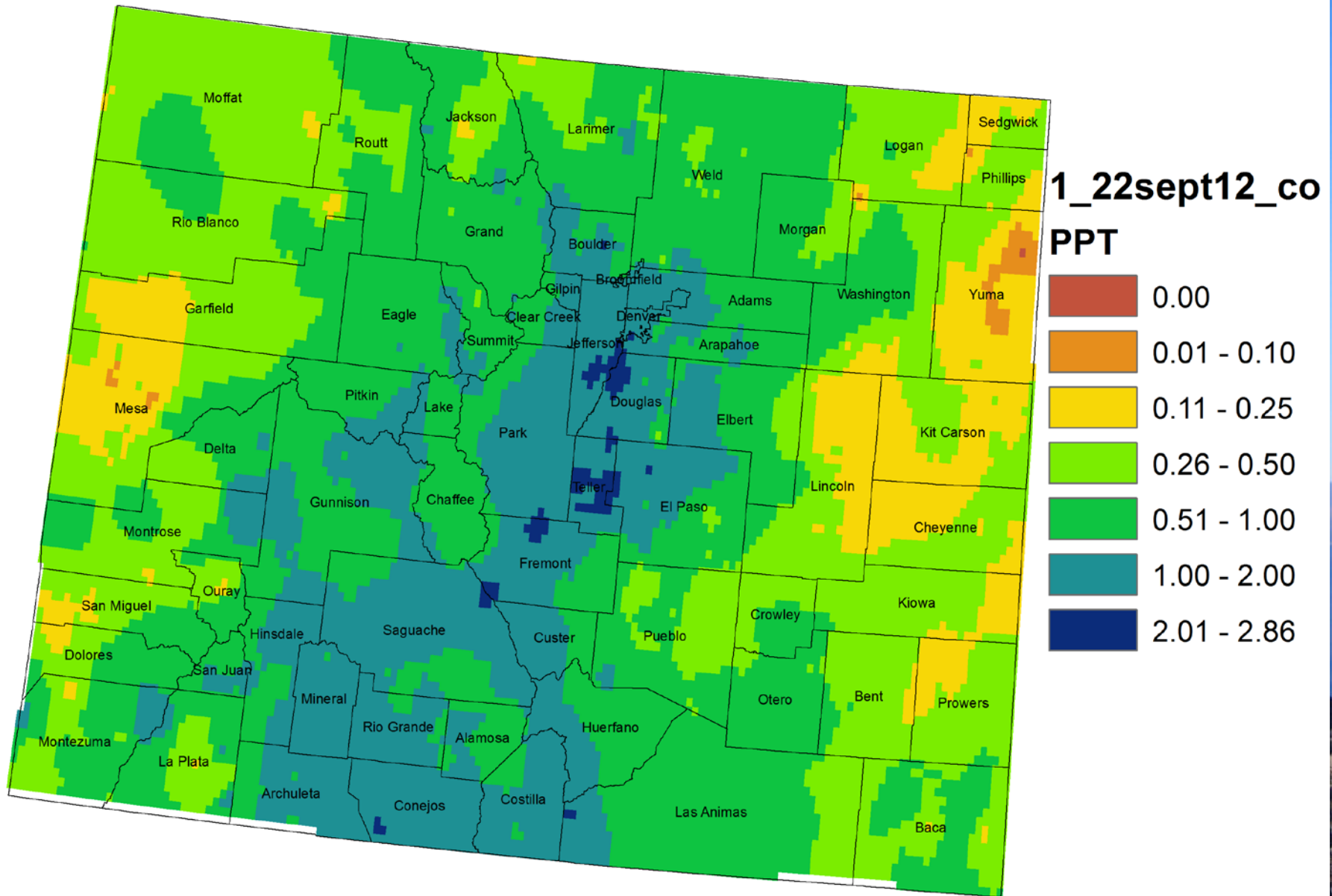
Colorado August 2012 Precipitation as Percentage of Normal



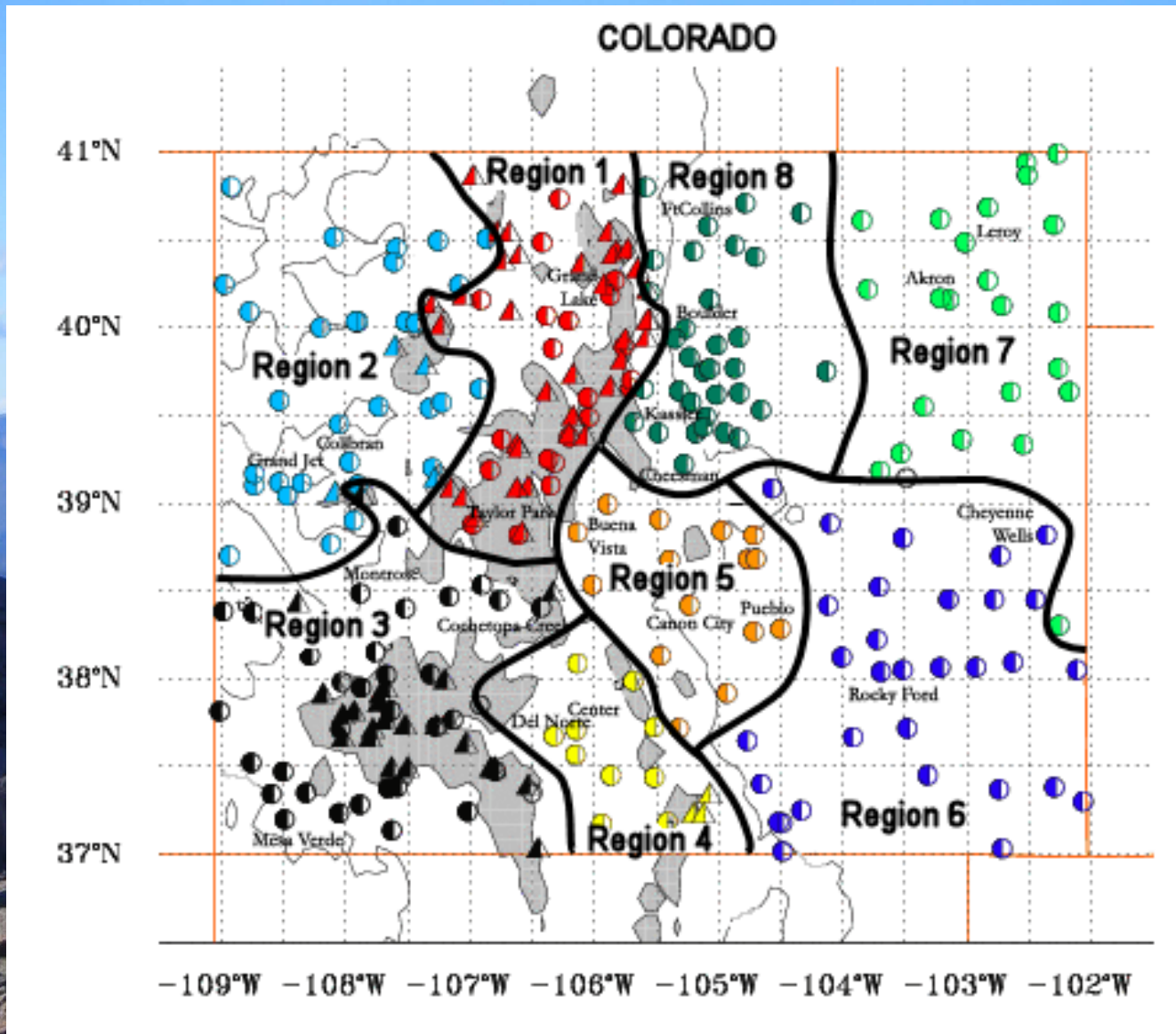
Colorado Water Year 2012 Precipitation as Percentage of Normal (October 2011 - August 2012)



Colorado Month to Date Precipitation (in) 1 - 22 September 2012

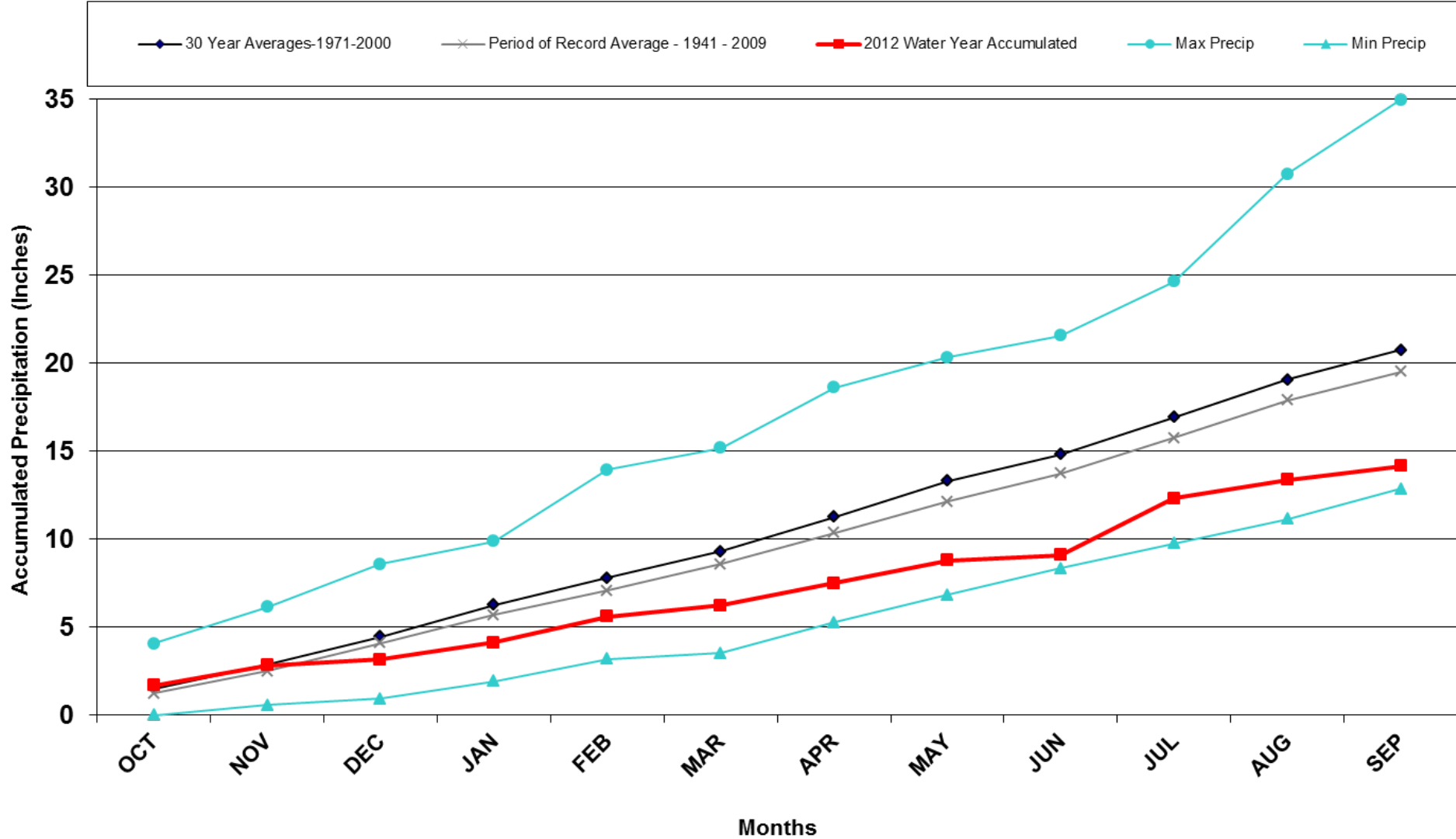


Climate divisions defined by Dr. Klaus Wolter of NOAA's Climate Diagnostic Center in Boulder, CO



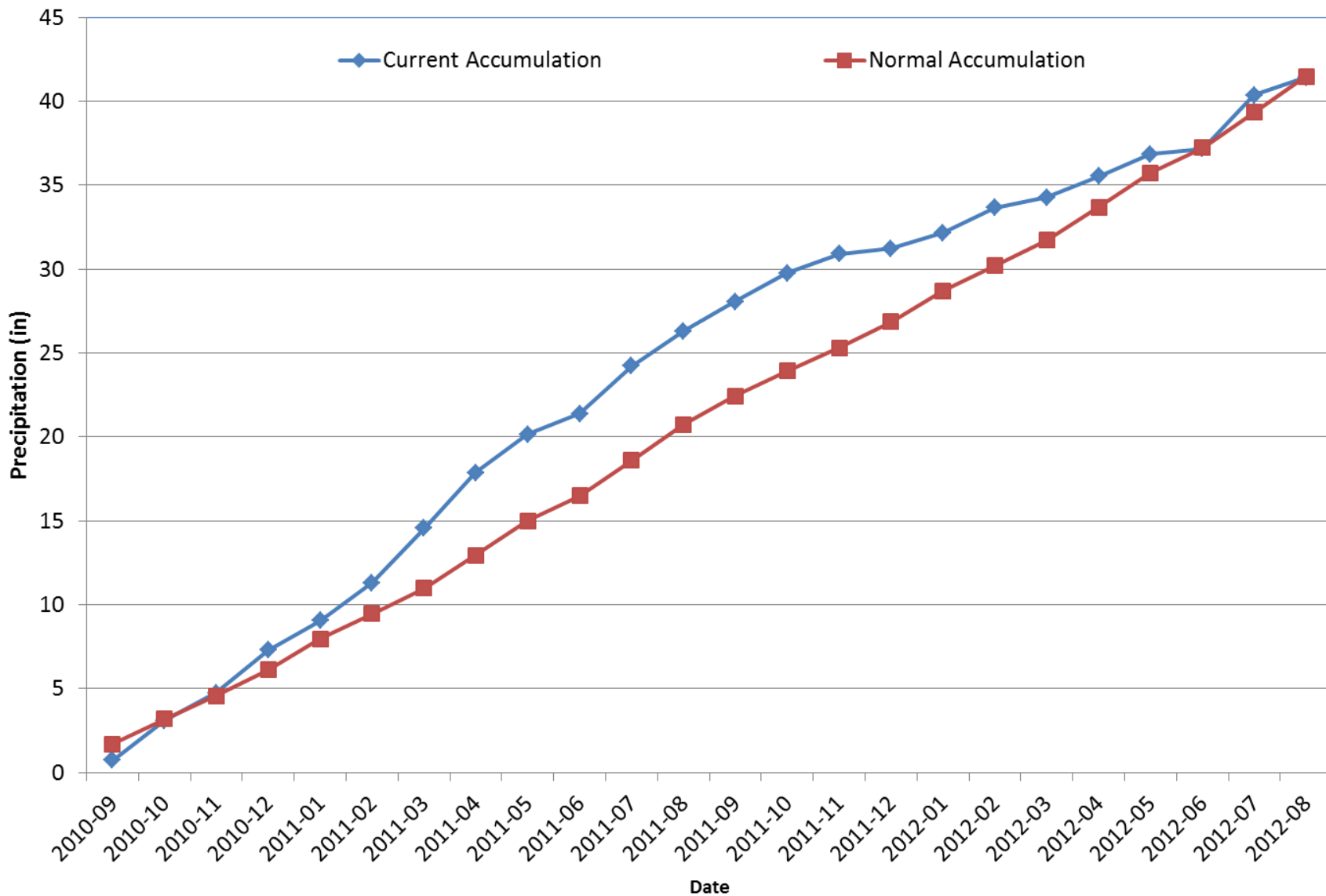
Division 1 – Grand Lake 1NW

Grand Lake 1 NW 2012 Water Year



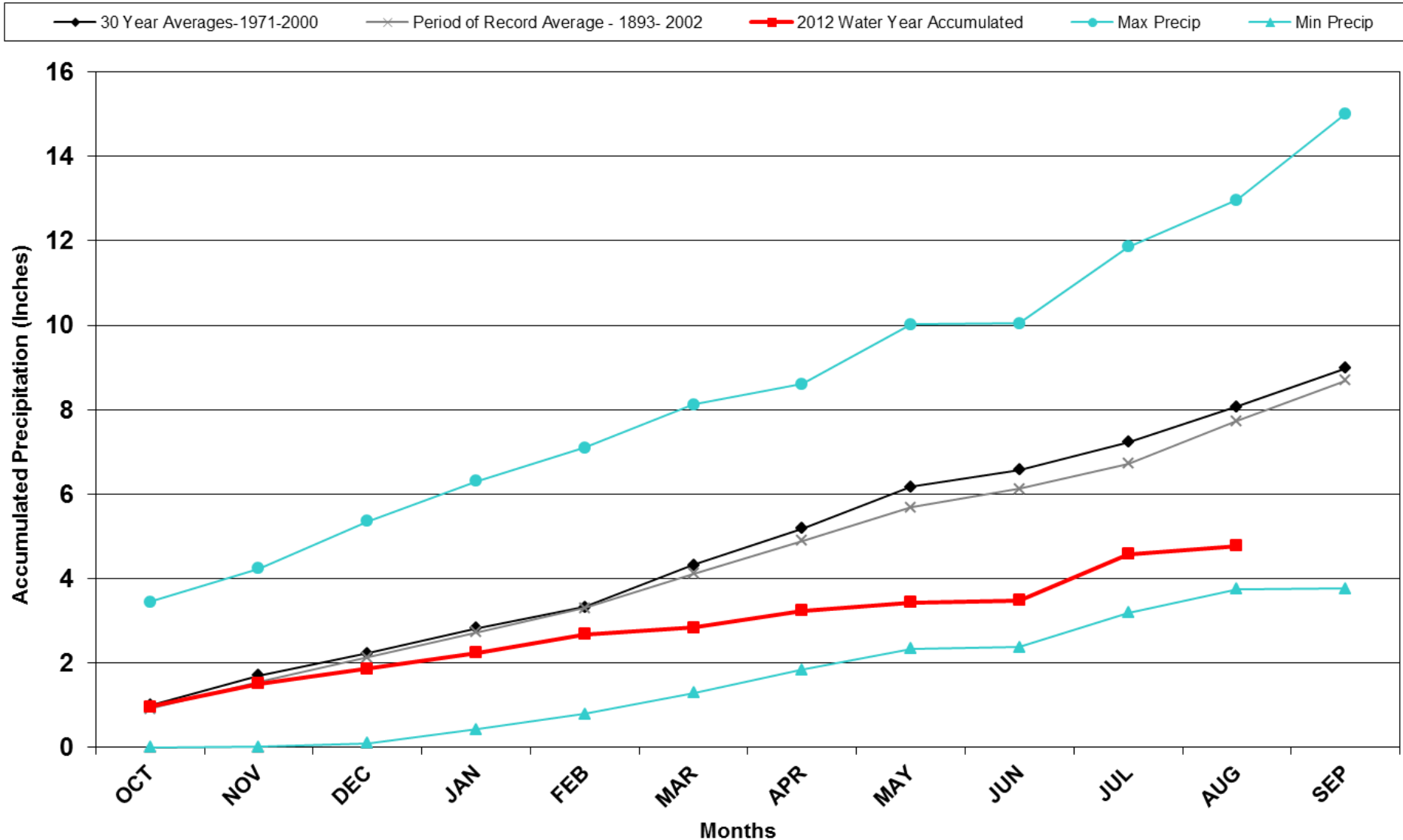
Division 1 – Grand Lake 1NW

Grand Lake 1NW 24 Month Precipitation Accumulation



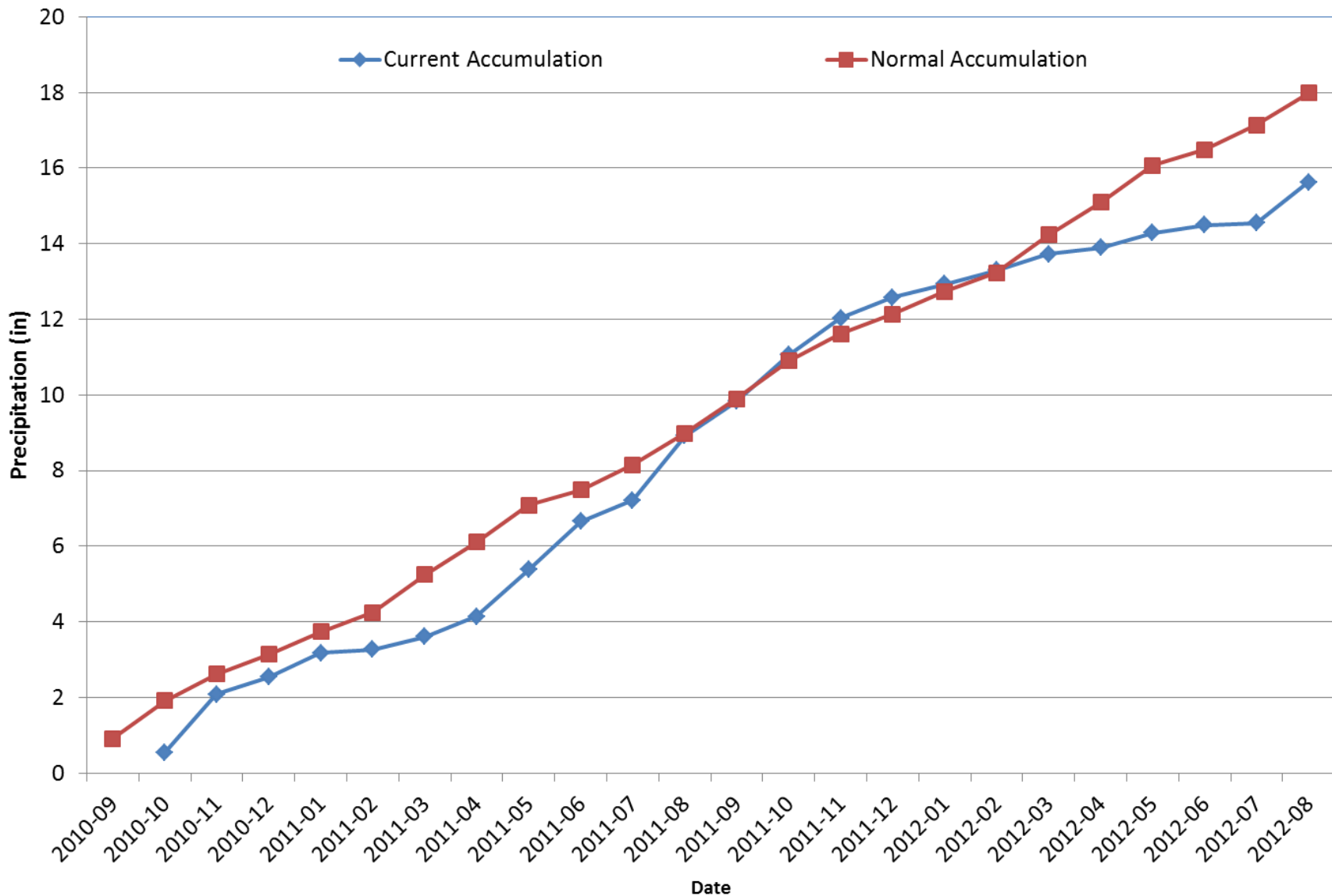
Division 2 – Grand Junction

Grand Junction WSFO 2012 Water Year



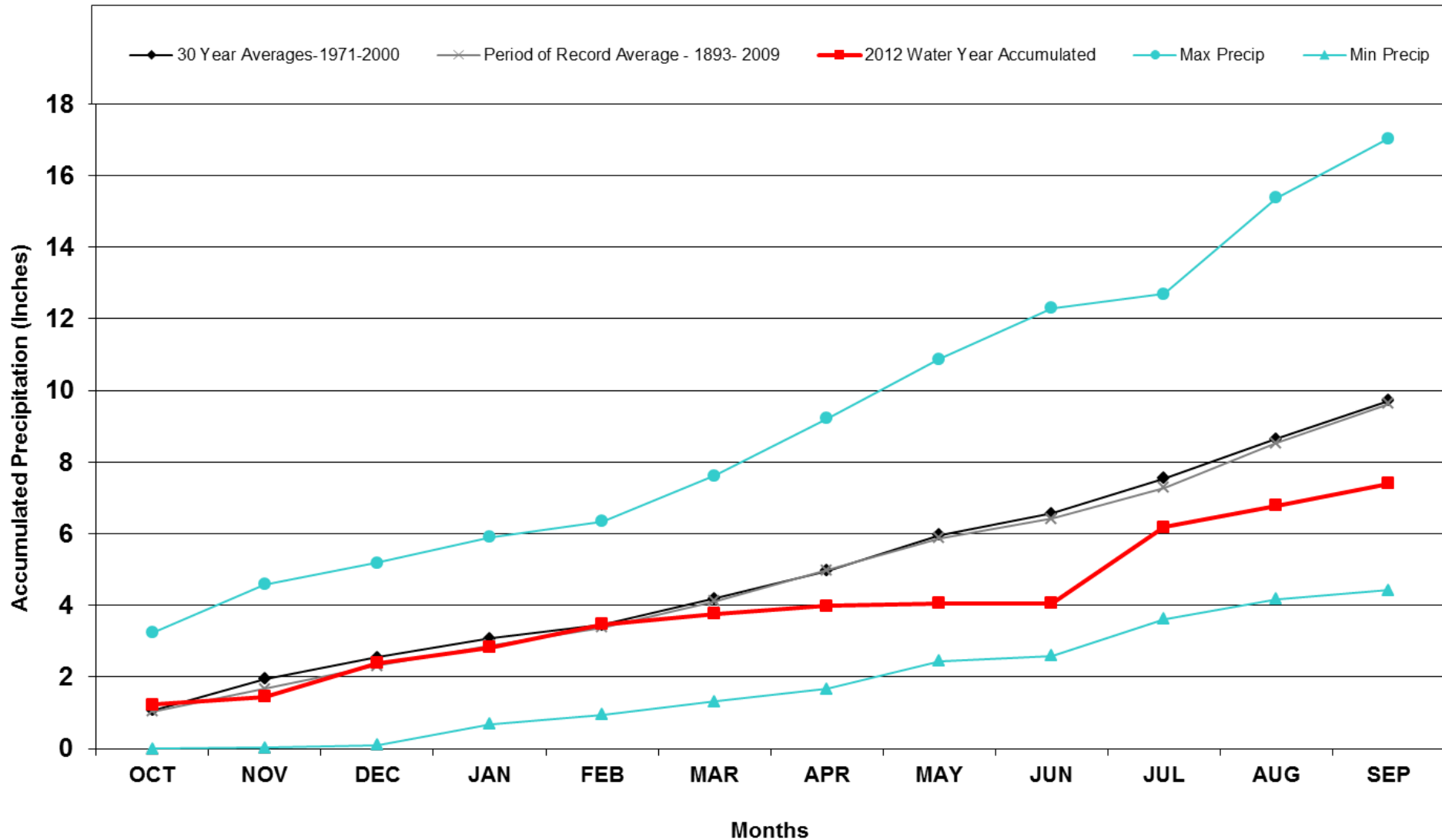
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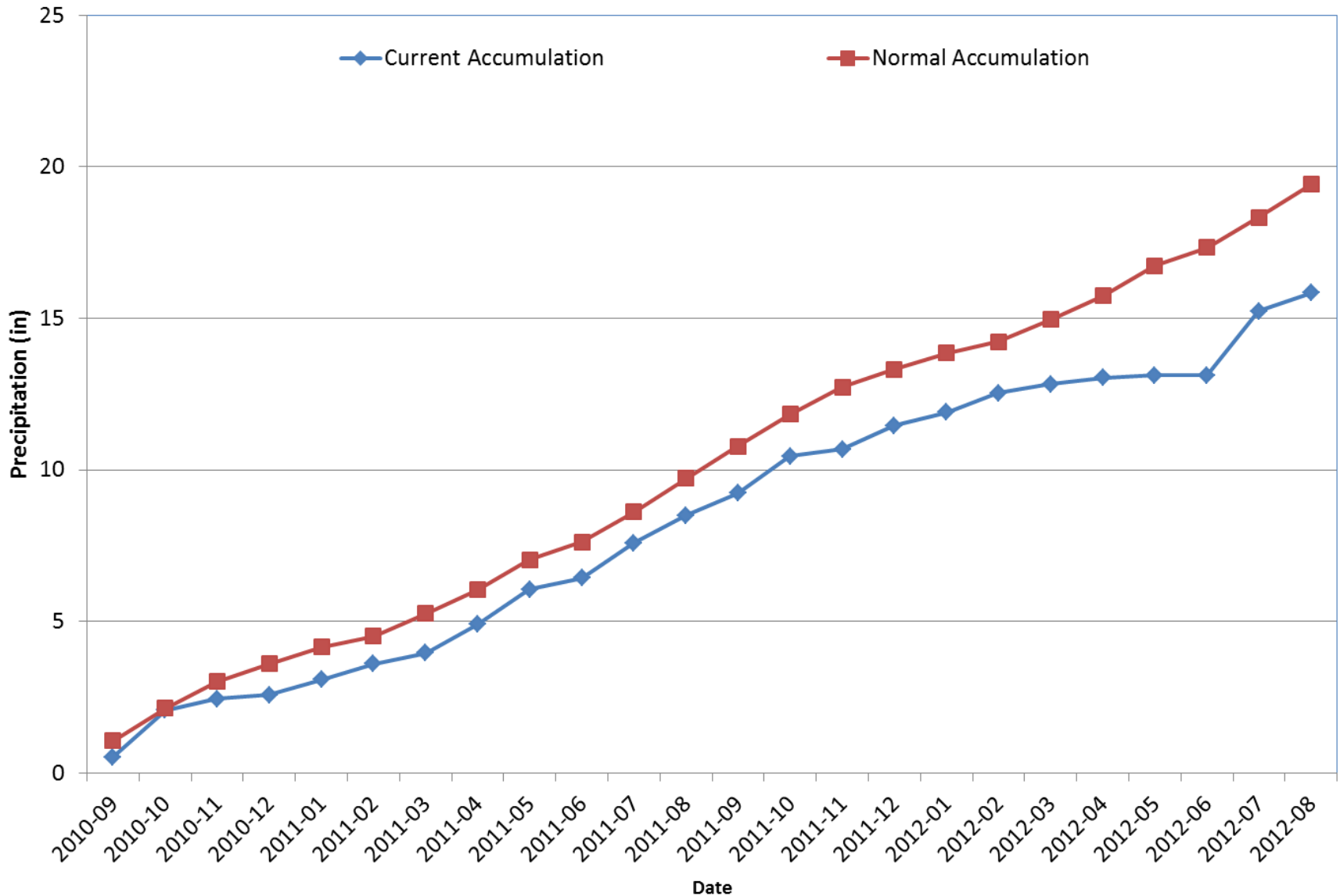
Division 3 – Montrose

Montrose #2 2012 Water Year



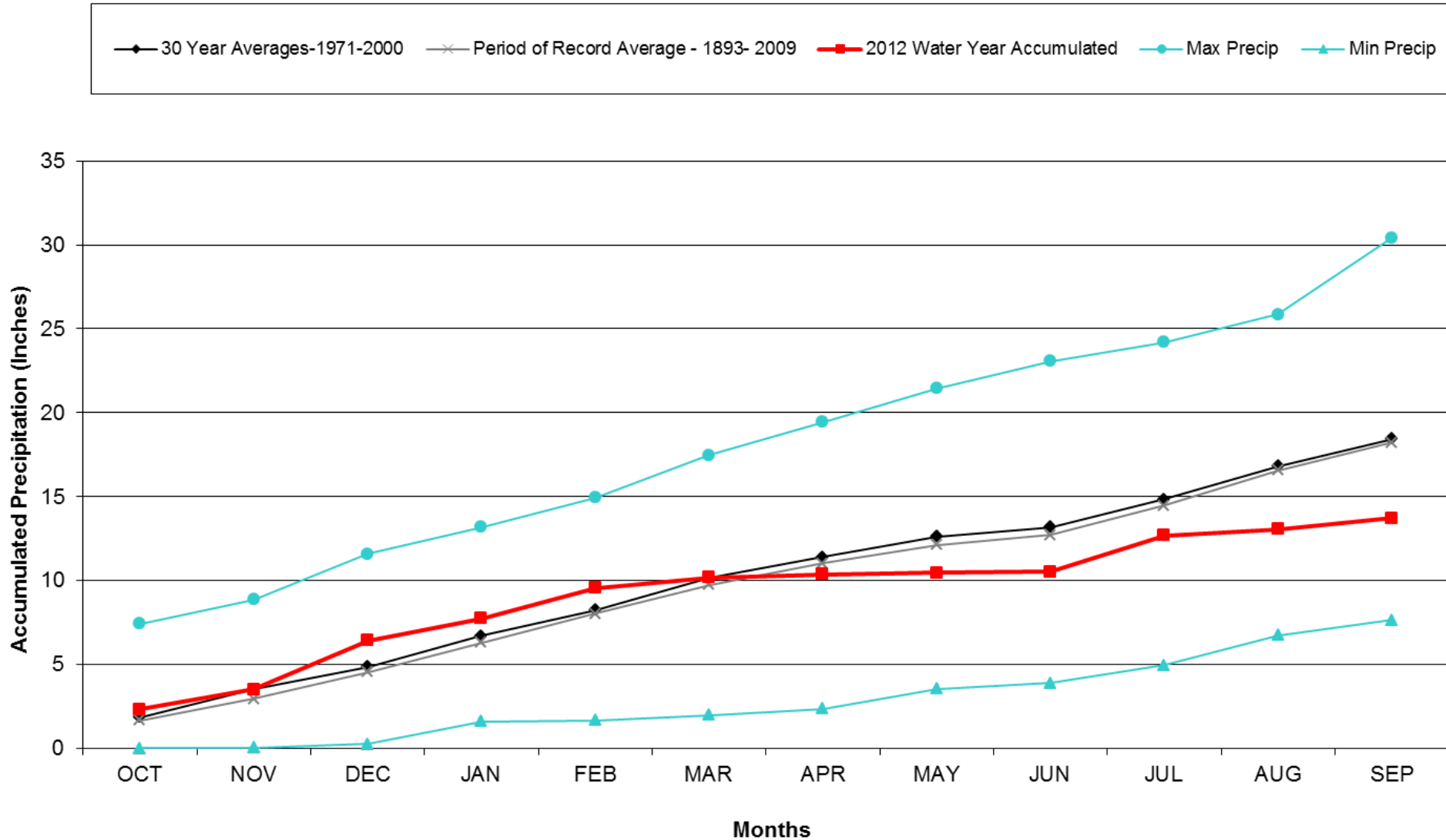
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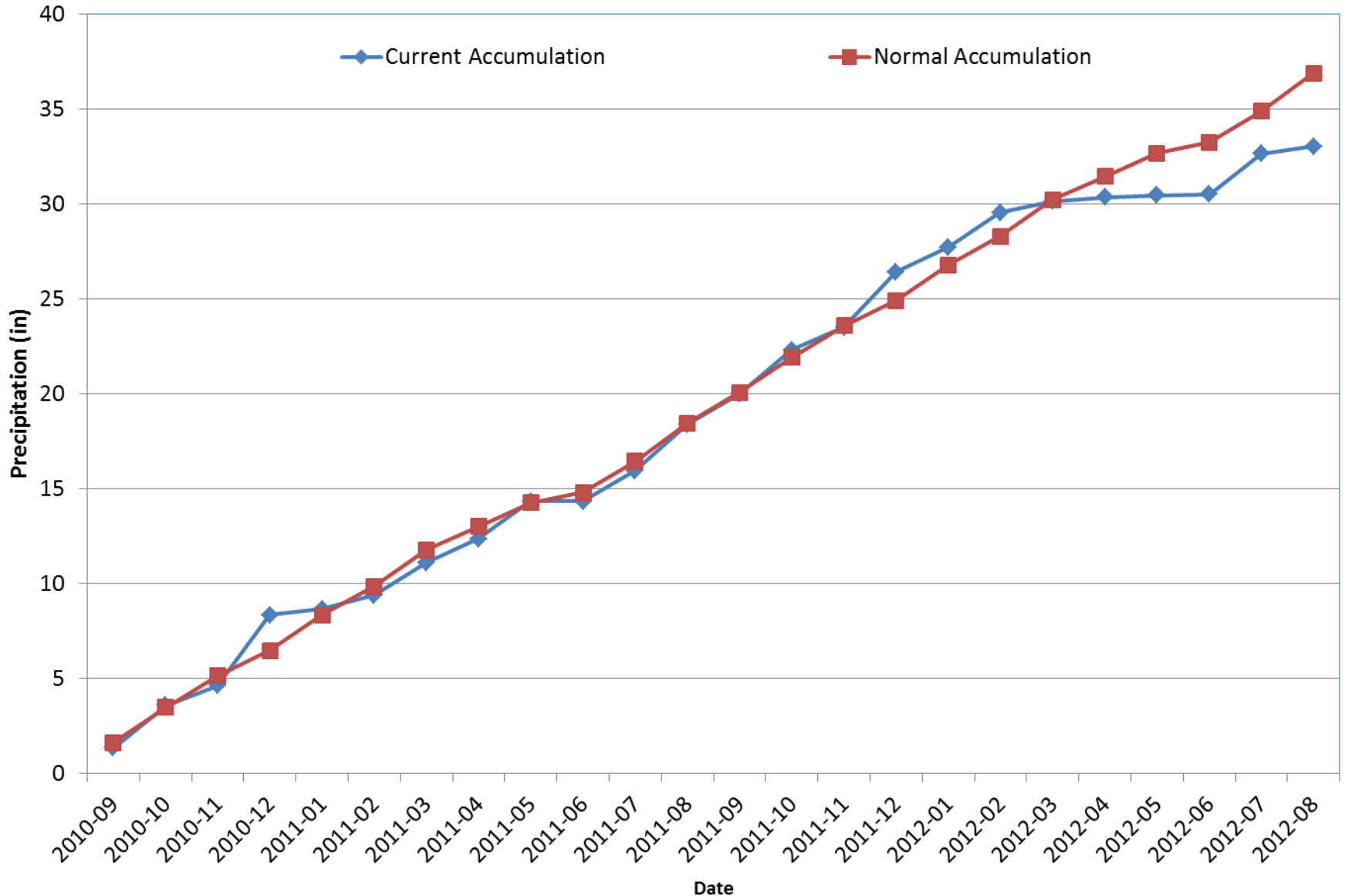
Division 3 – Mesa Verde NP

Mesa Verde NP 2012 Water Year



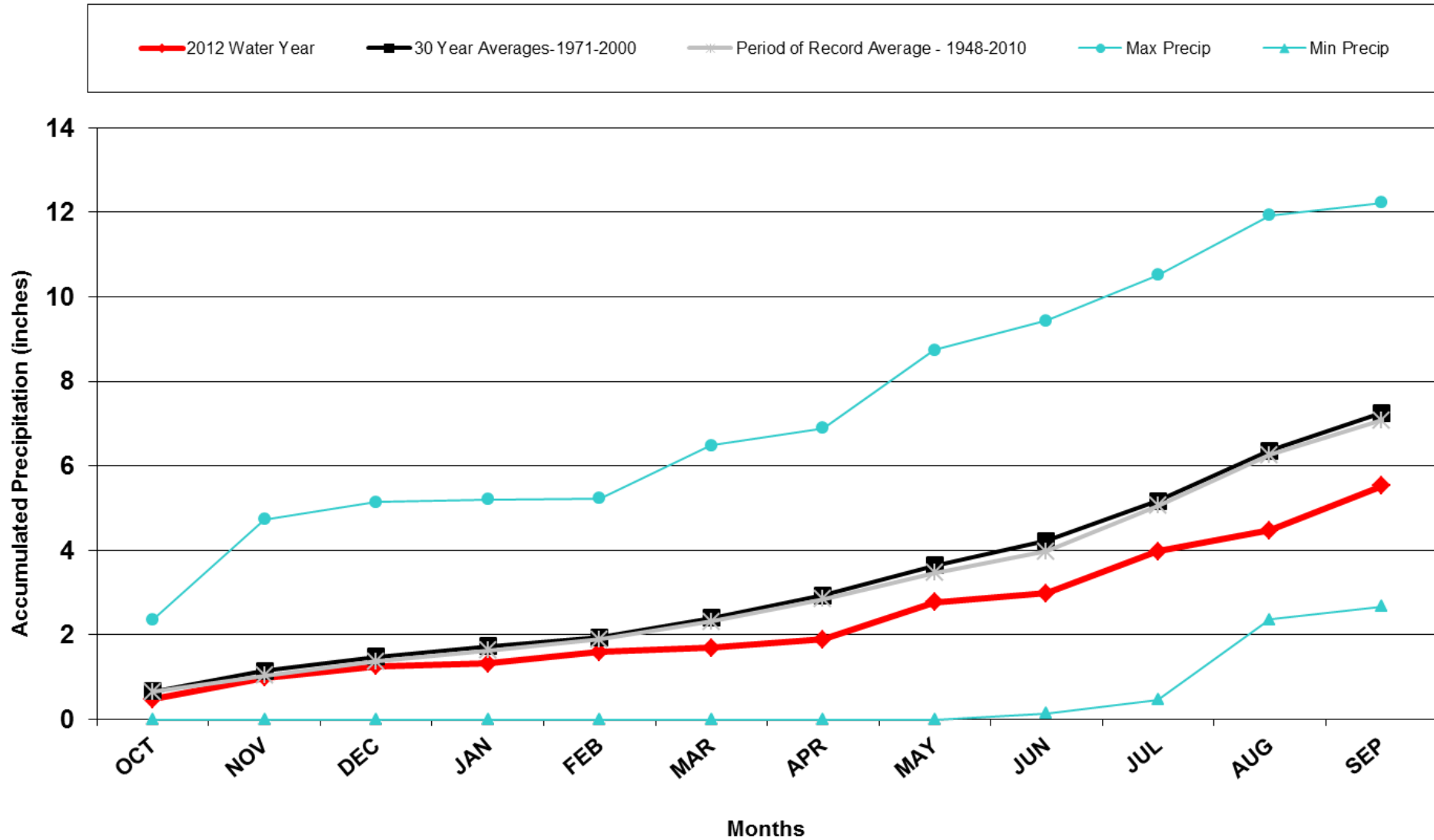
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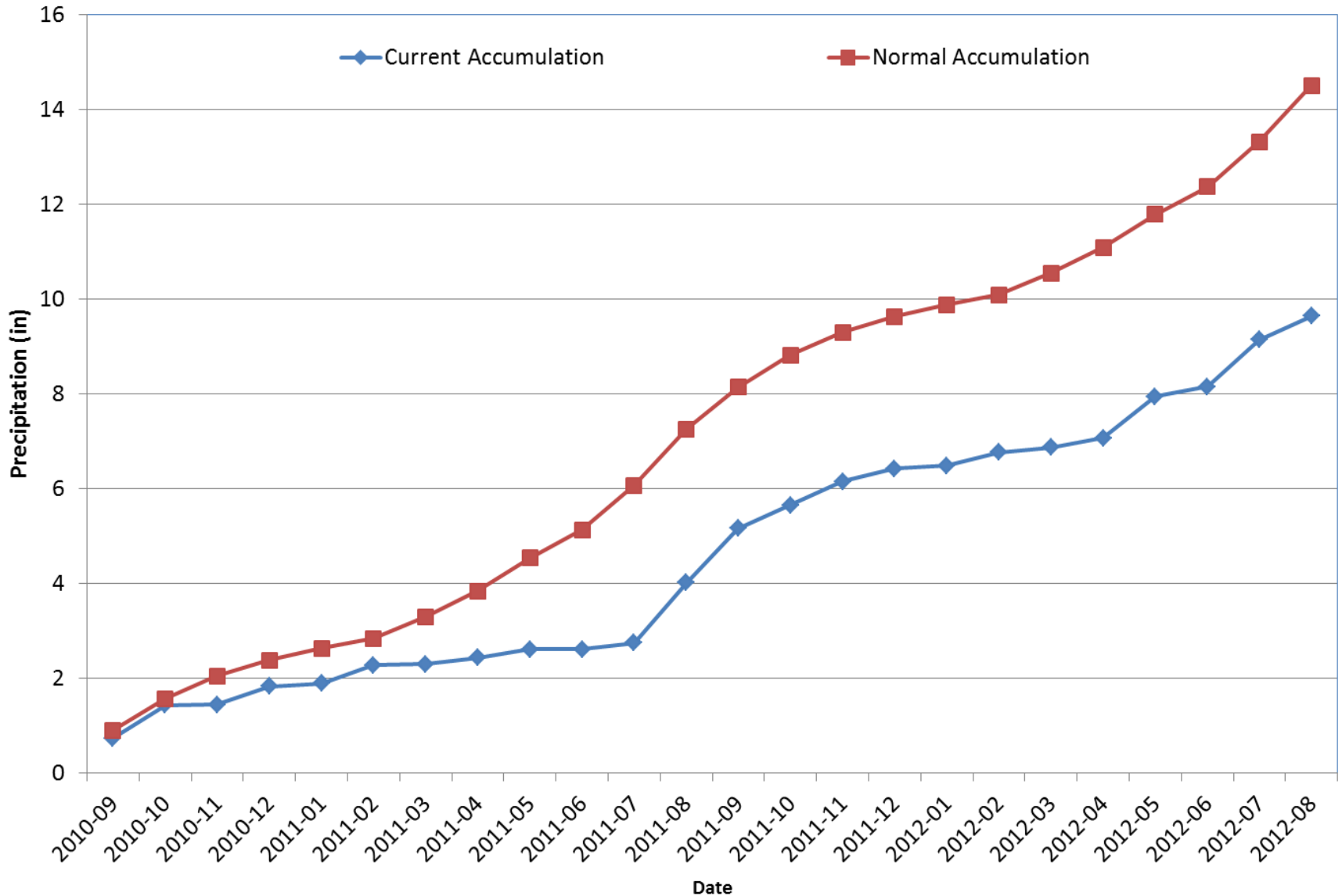
Division 4 – Alamosa

Alamosa WSO 2012 Water Year



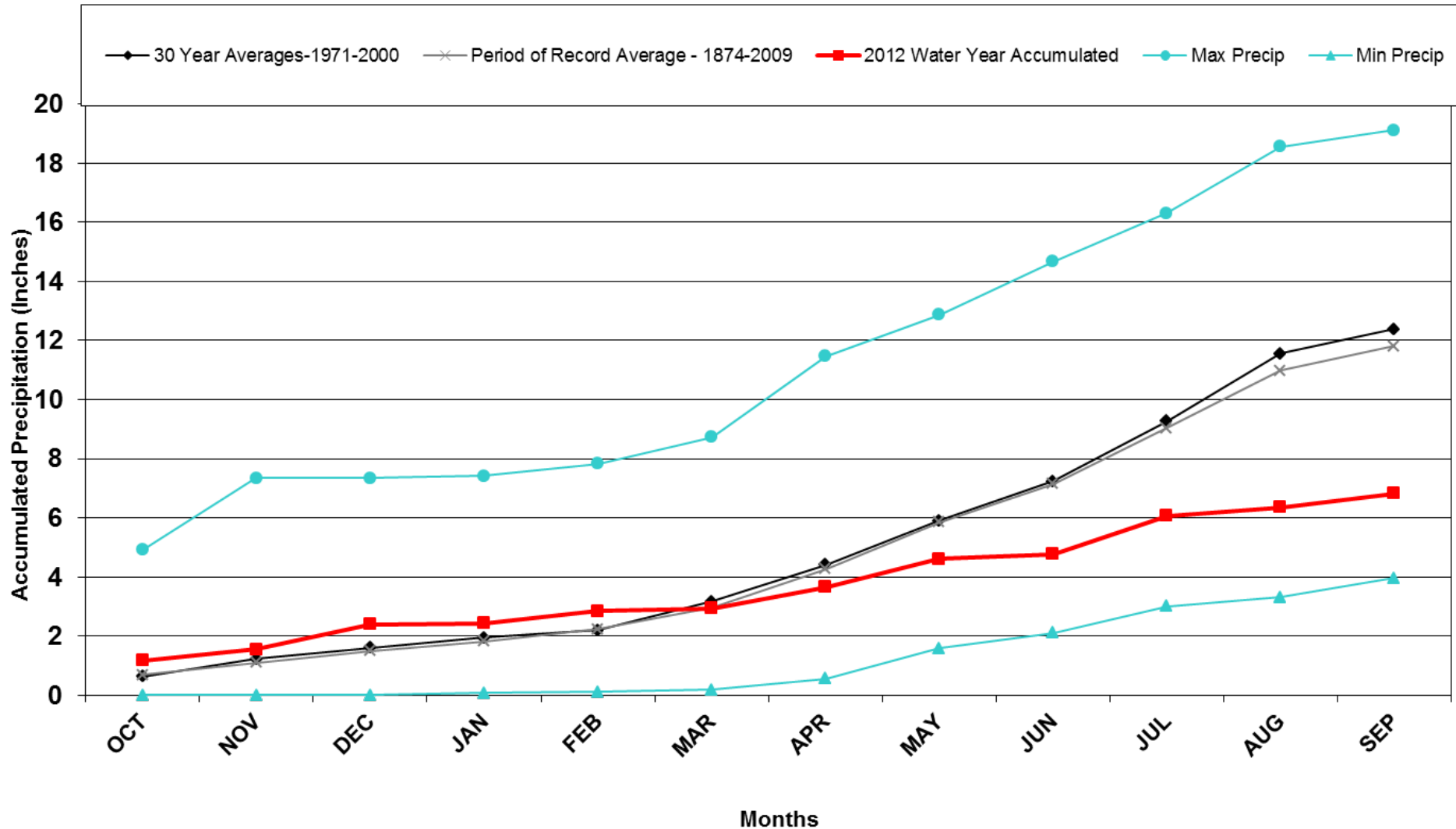
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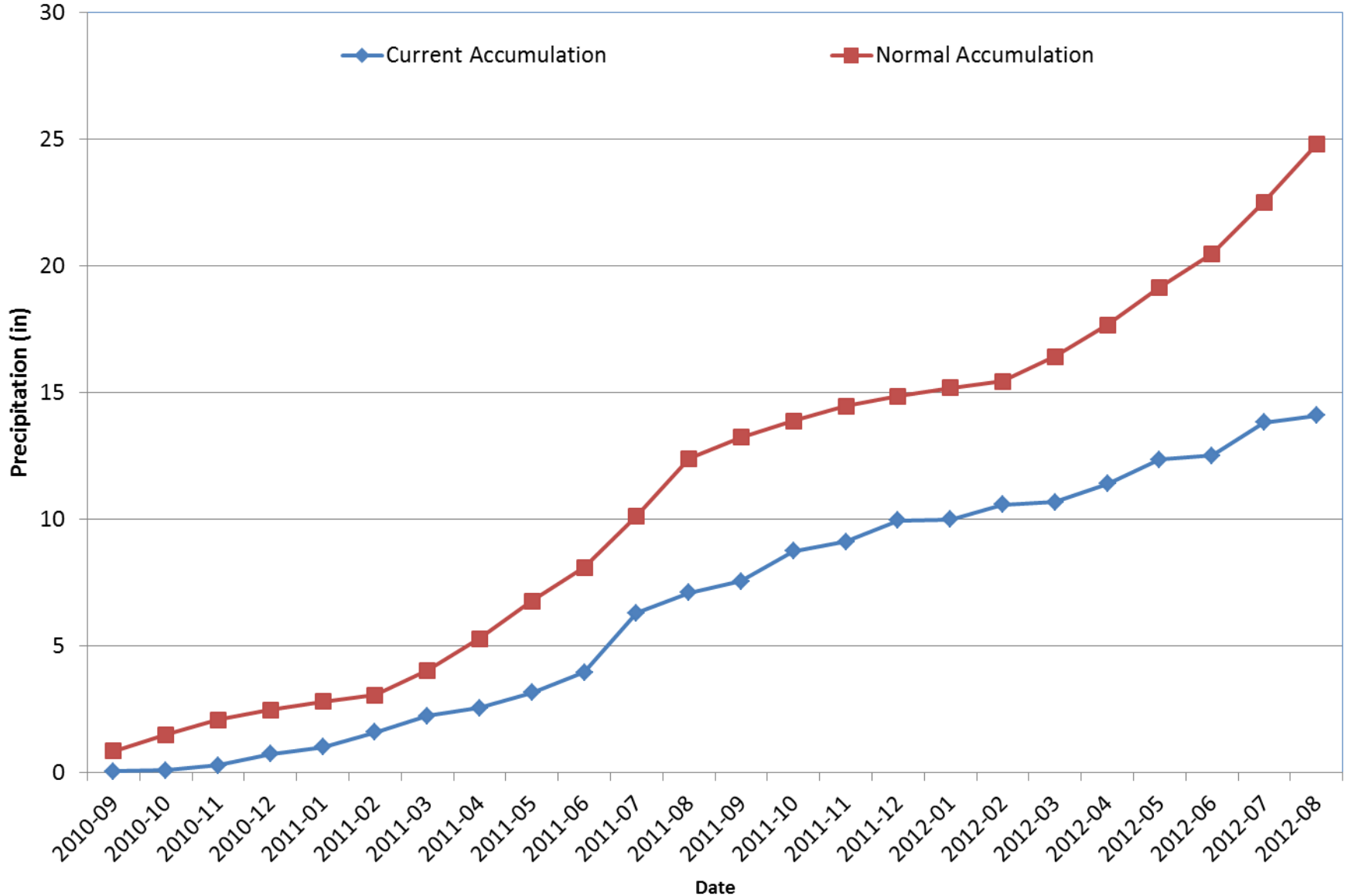
Division 5 – Pueblo

Pueblo WSO 2012 Water Year



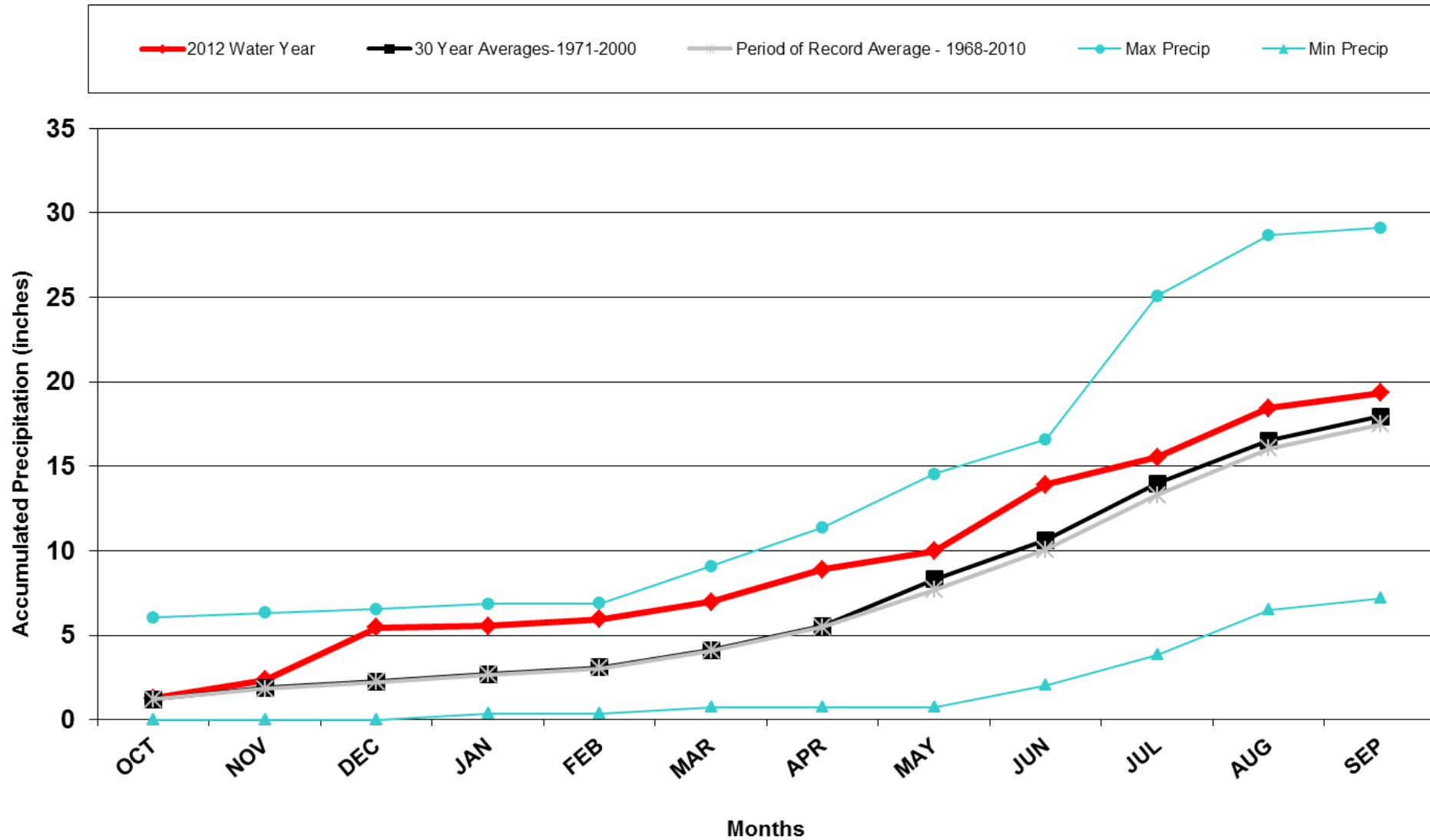
Division 5 – Pueblo

Pueblo Memorial AP 24 Month Precipitation Accumulation



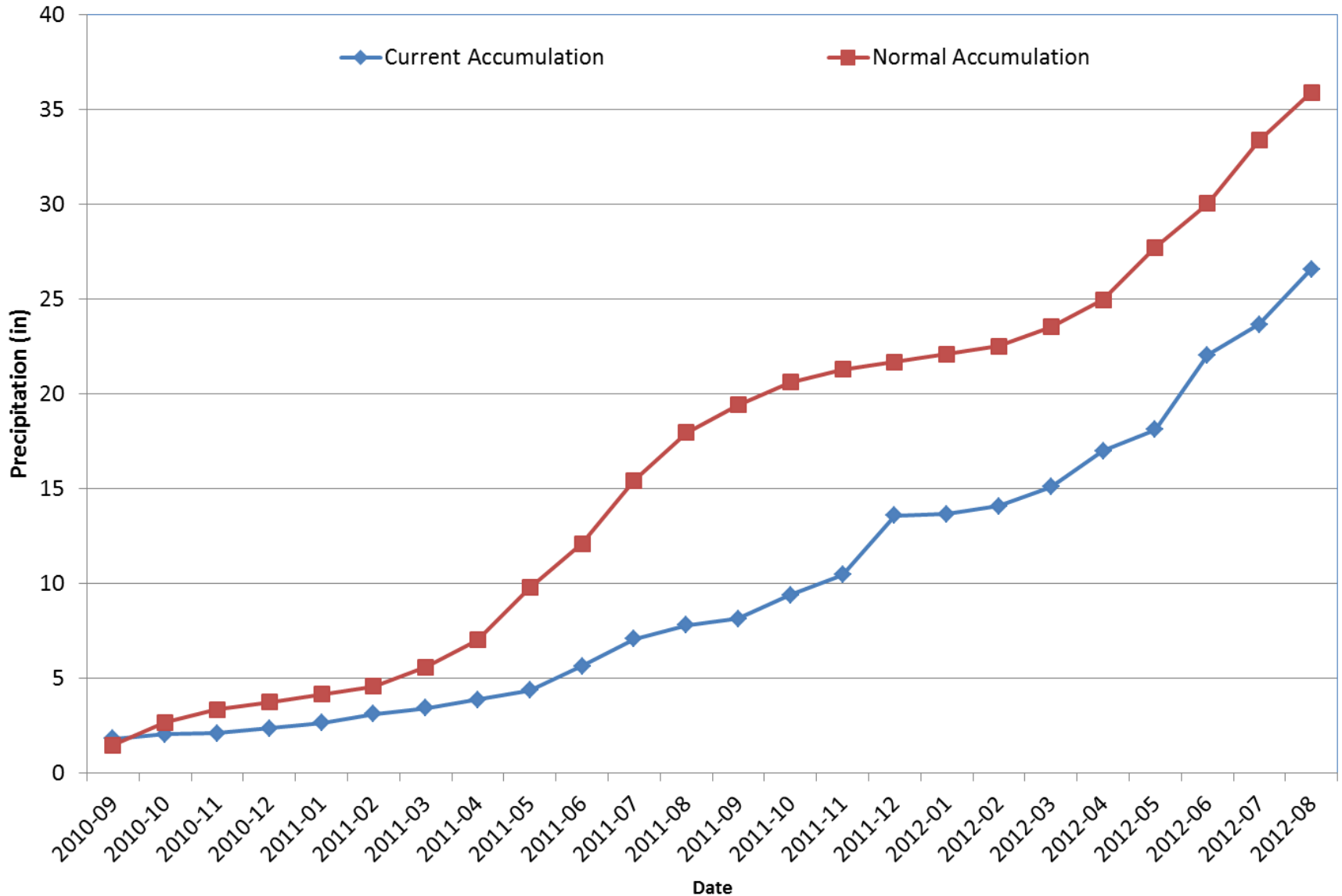
Division 6 - Walsh

Walsh 2012 Water Year



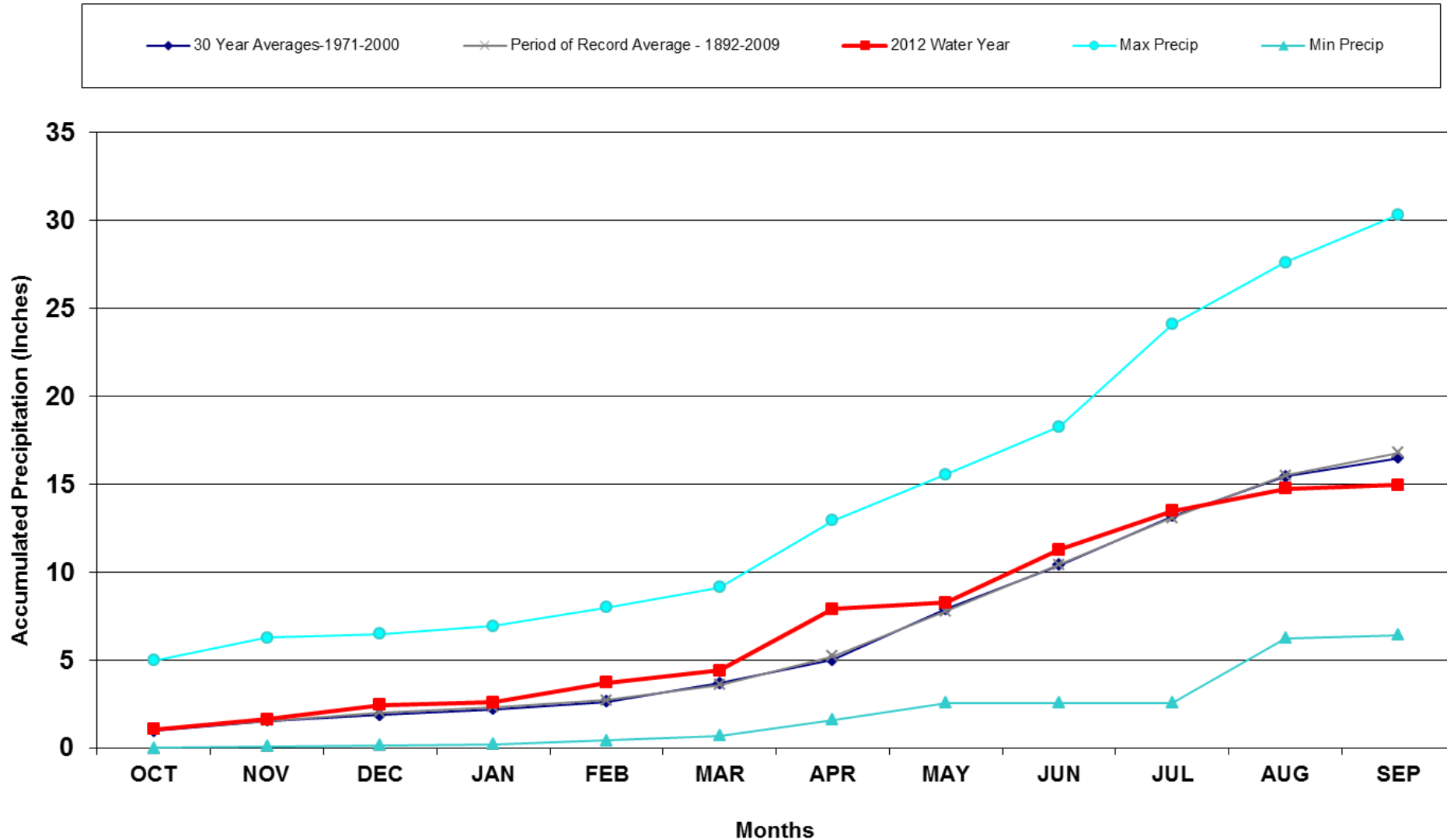
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Walsh 1W 24 Month Precipitation Accumulation



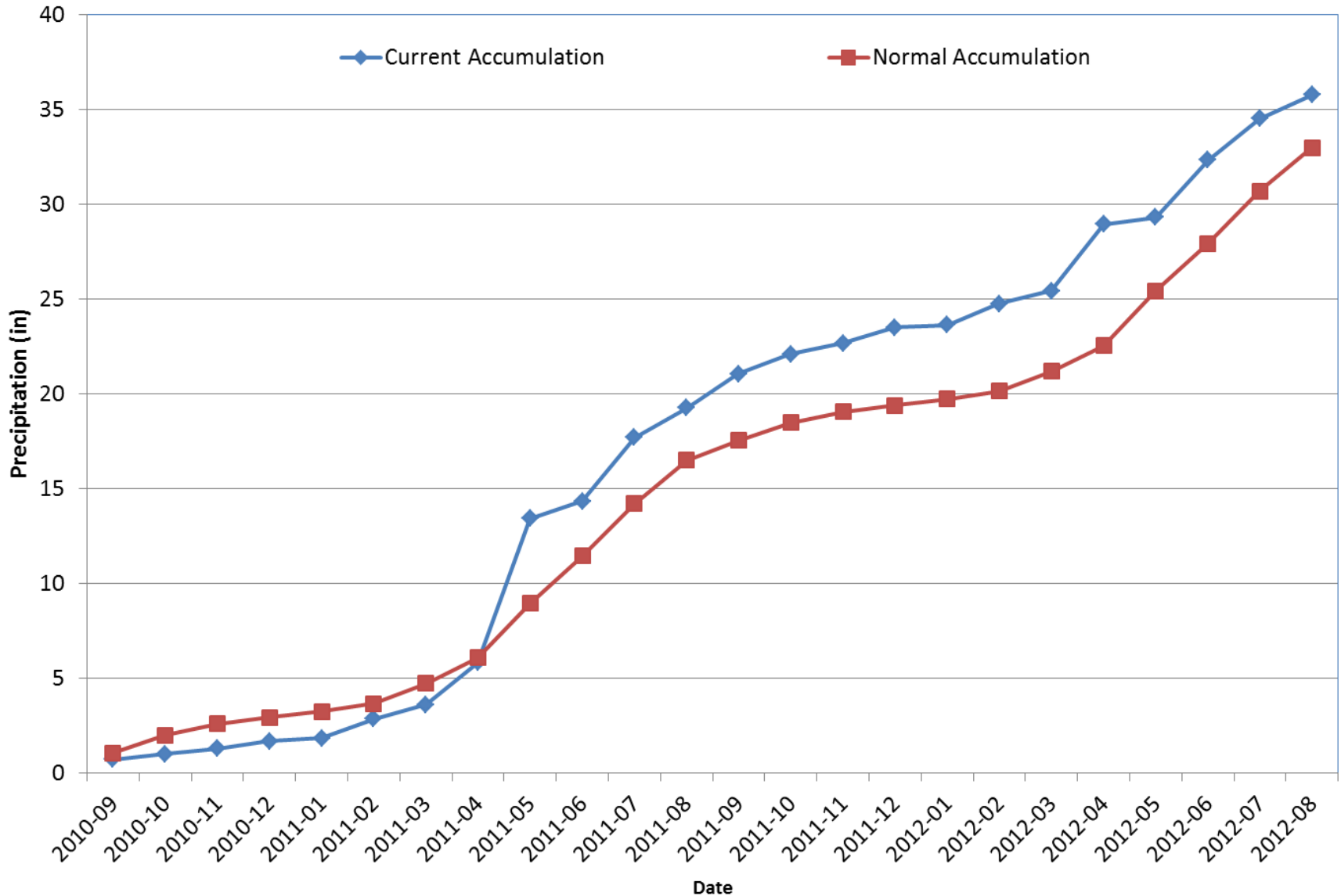
Division 6 - Burlington

Burlington 2012 Water Year



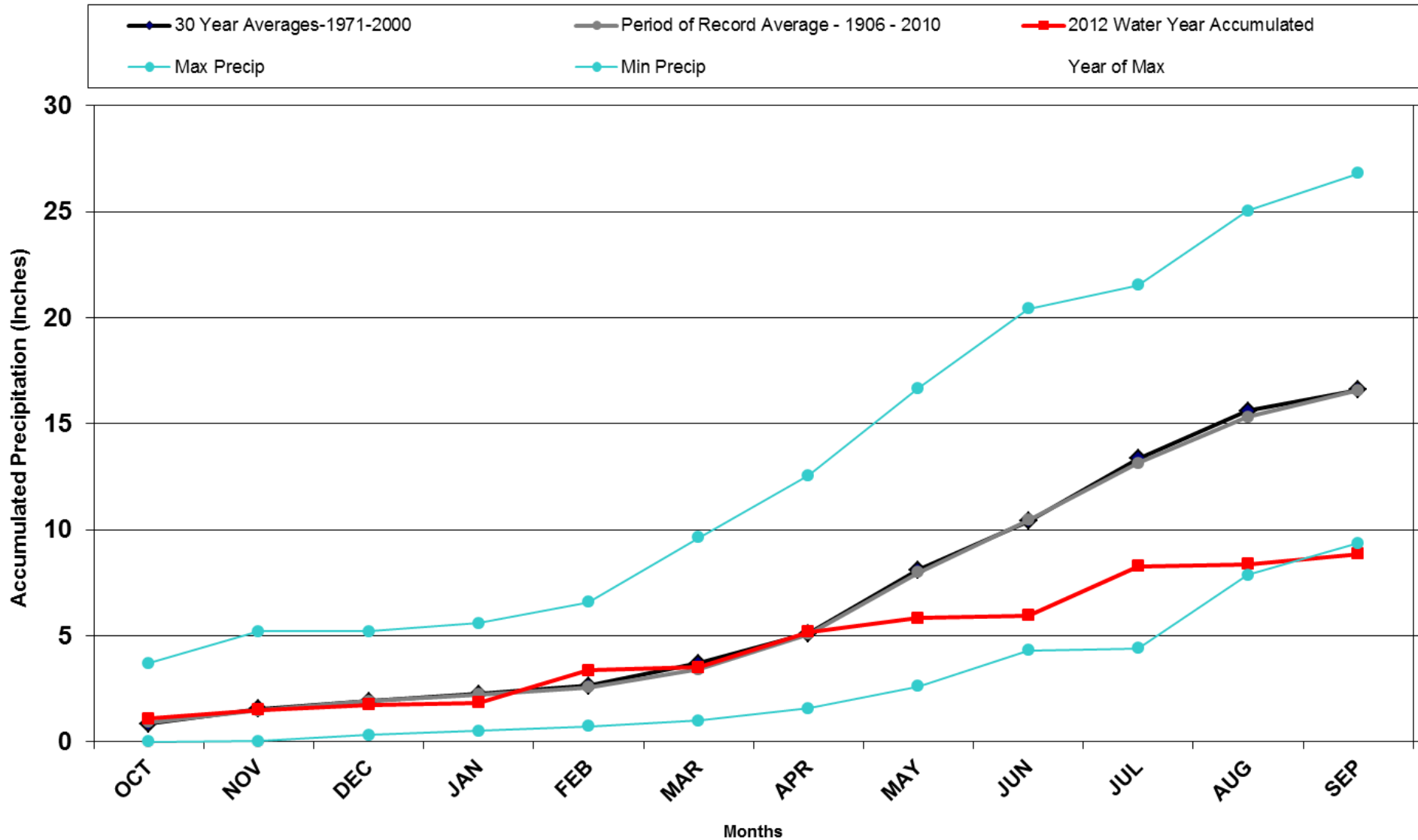
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Burlington, CO 24 Month Precipitation Accumulation



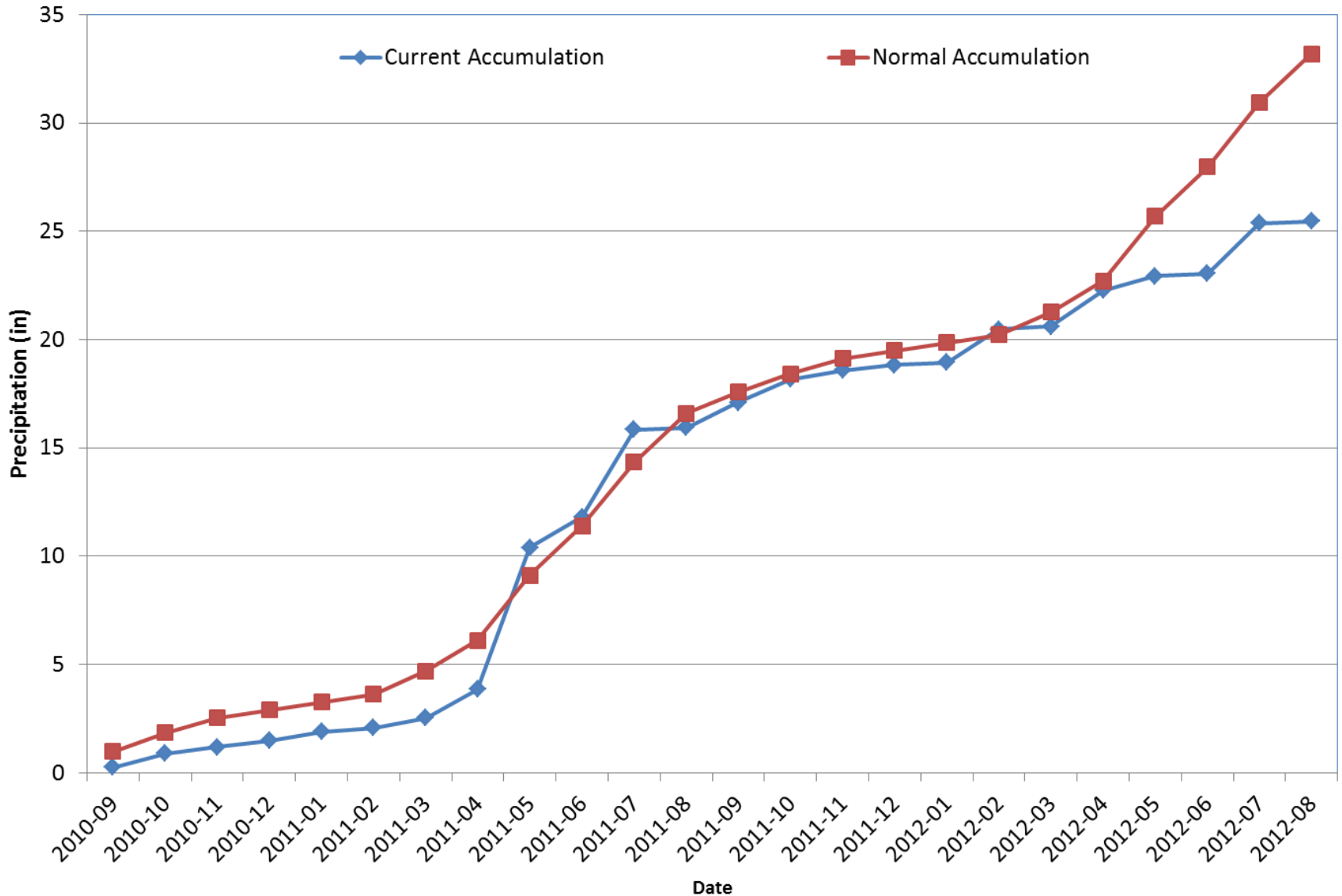
Division 7 – Akron

Akron 4E 2012 Water Year



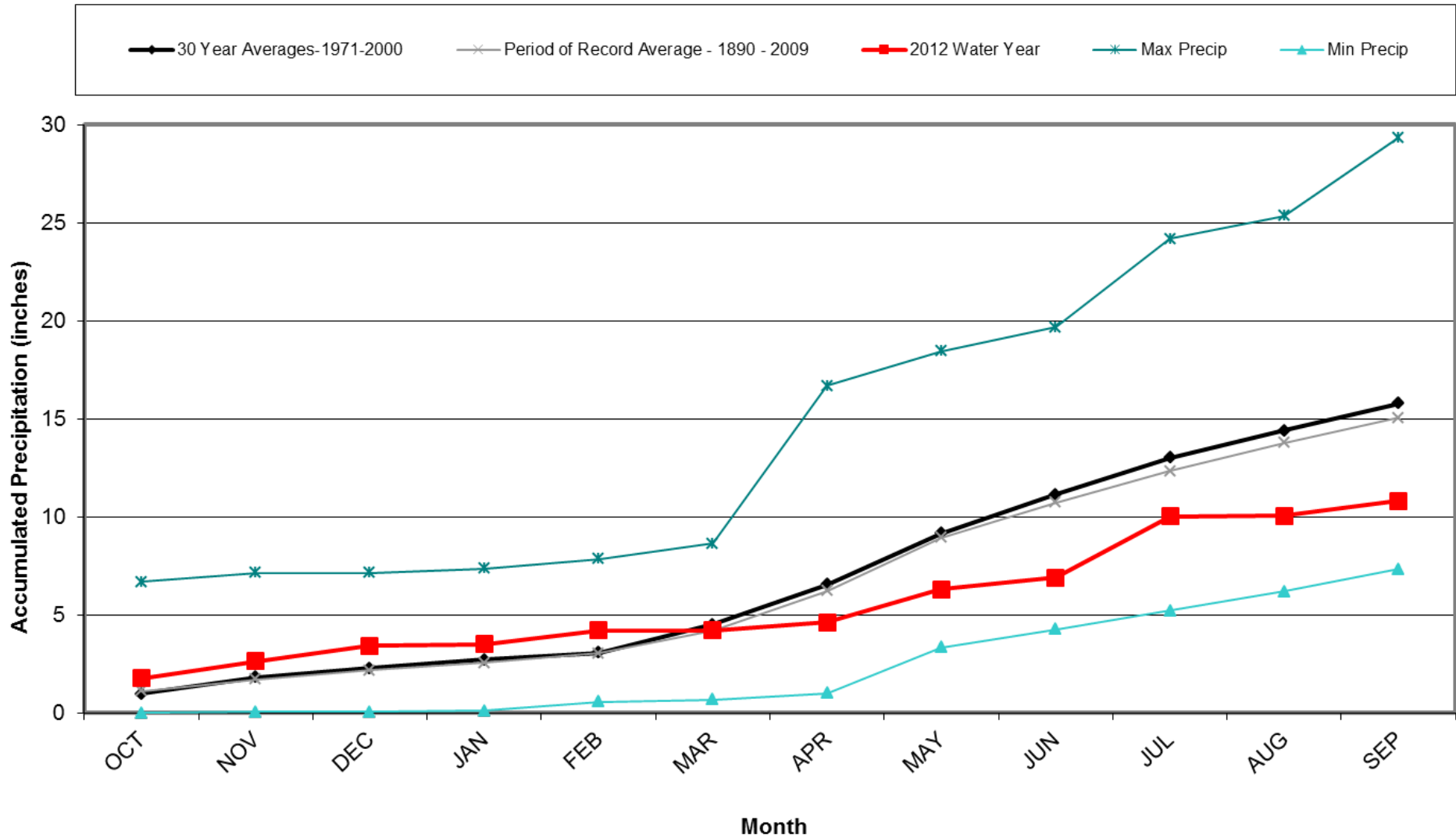
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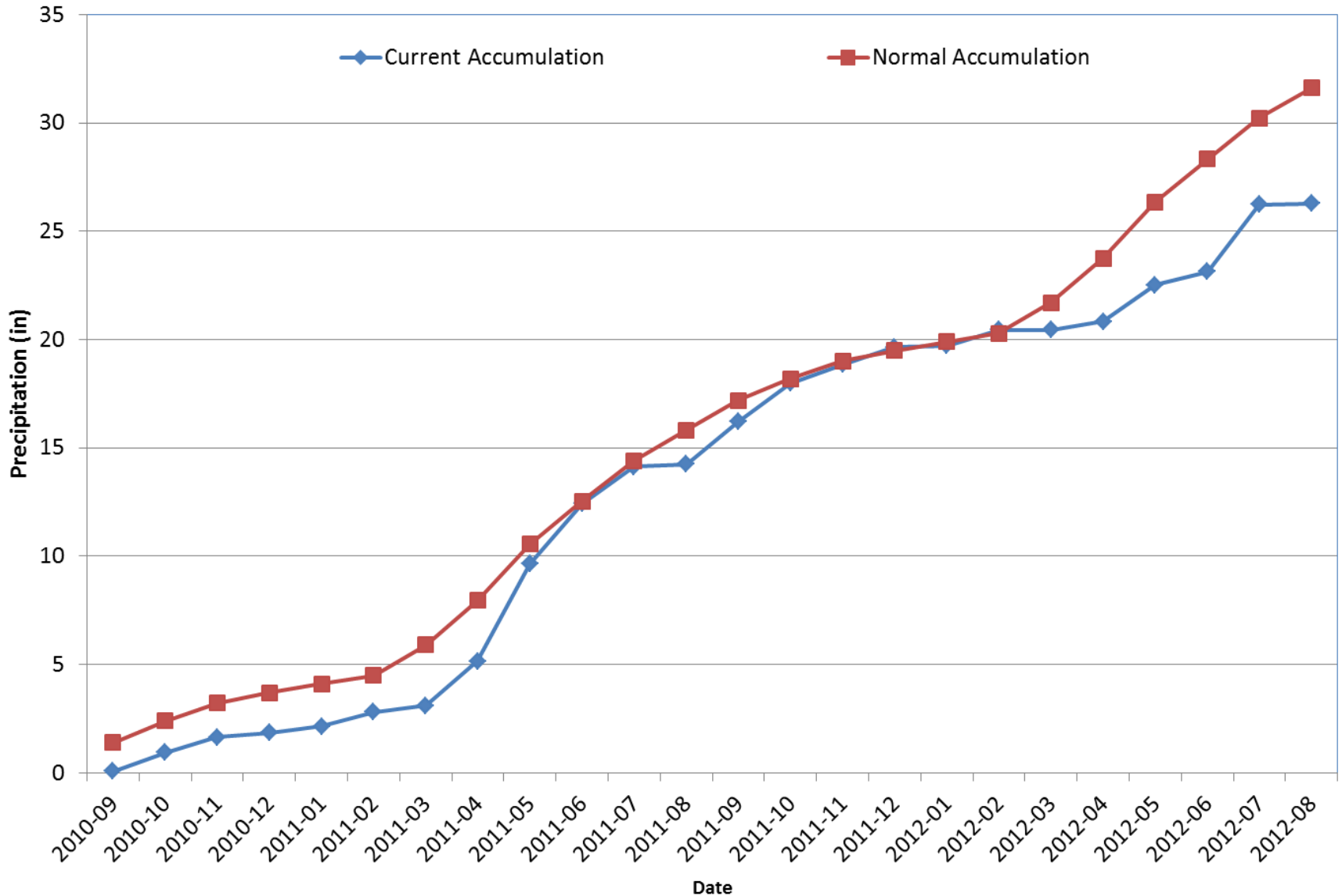
Division 8 – Fort Collins

Fort Collins 2012 Water Year



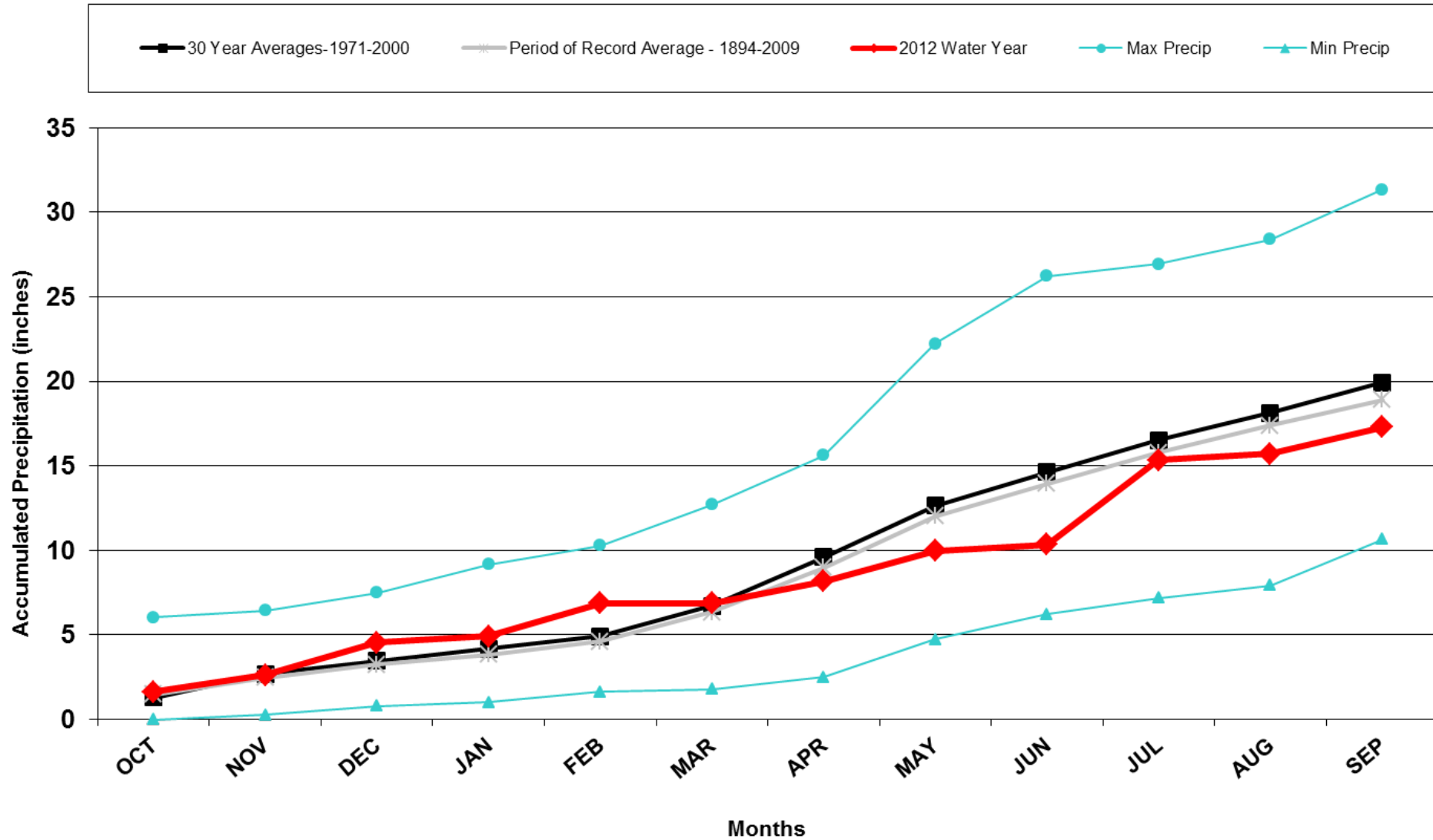
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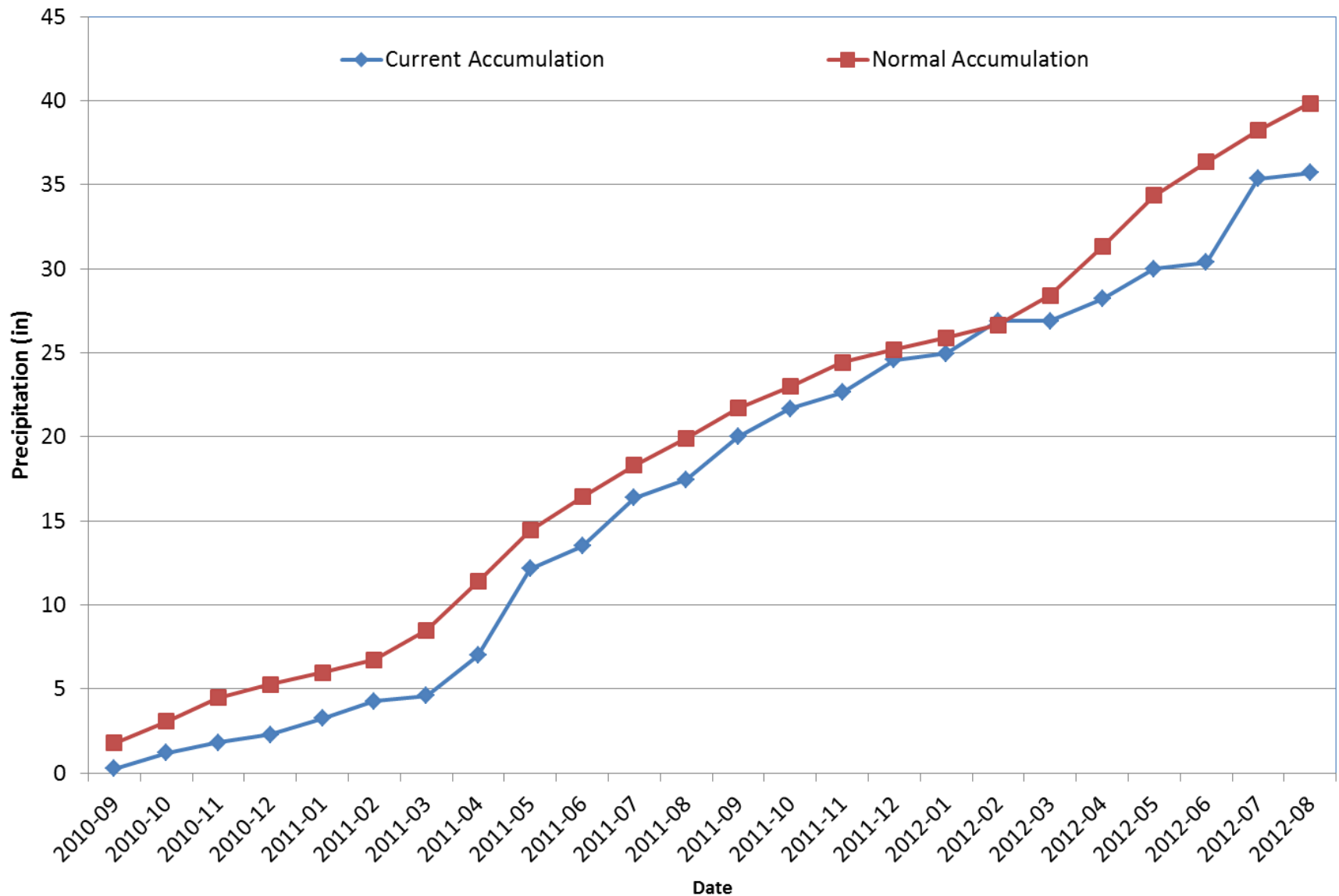
Division 8 - Boulder

Boulder 2012 Water Year



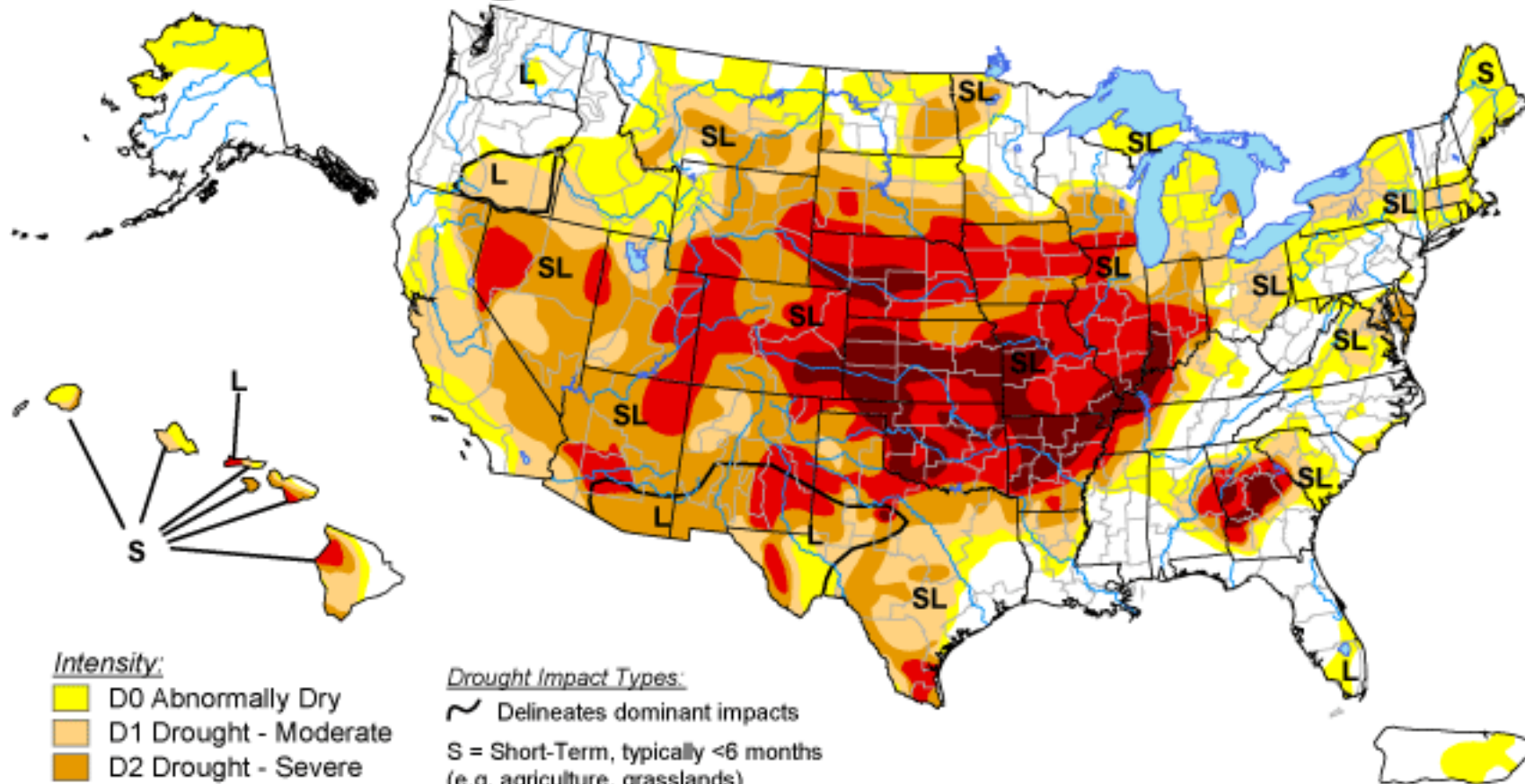
Division 8 - Boulder

Boulder 24 Month Precipitation Accumulation








U.S. Drought Monitor


August 14, 2012
Valid 7 a.m. EDT



Intensity:

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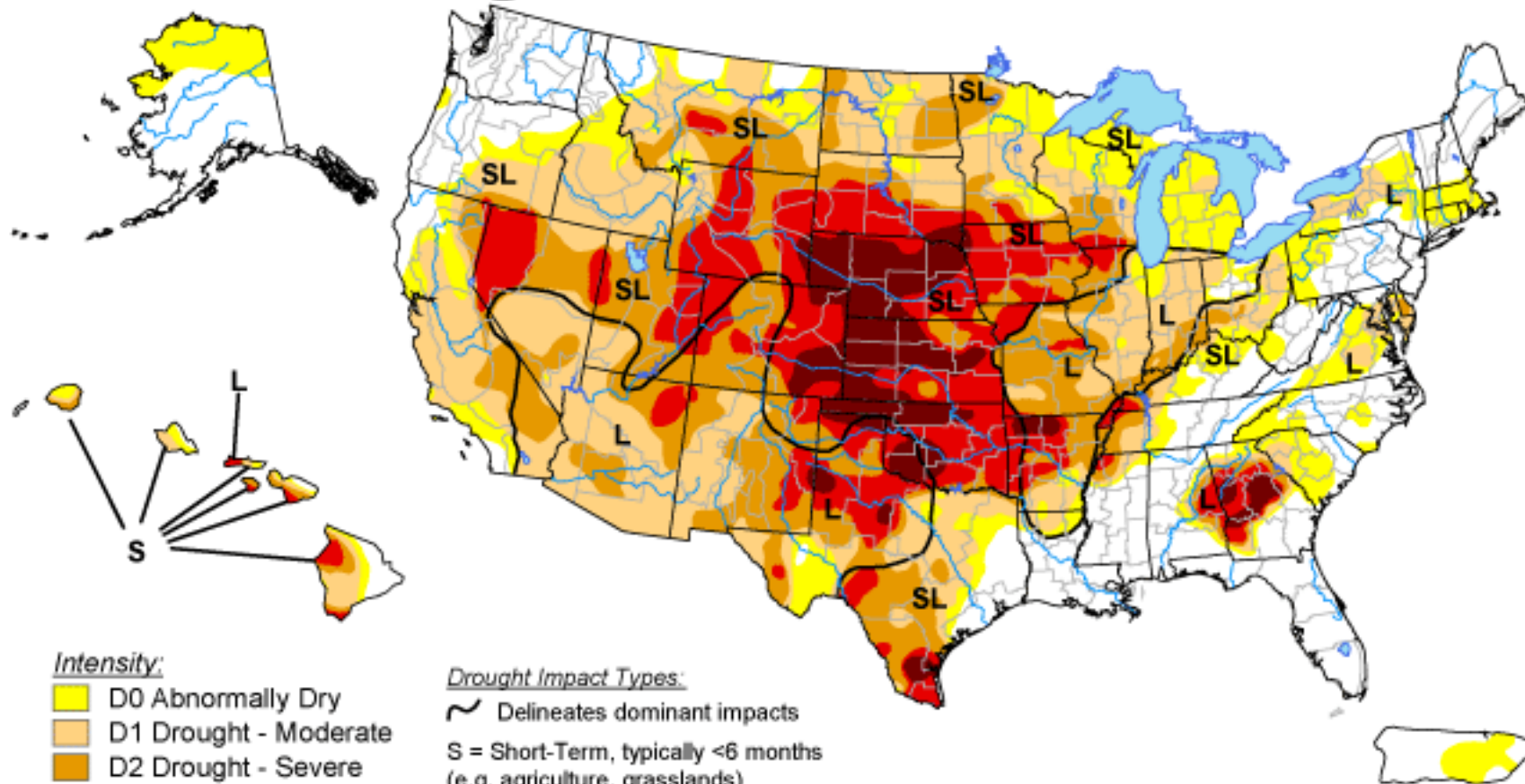
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U.S. Drought Monitor

September 18, 2012


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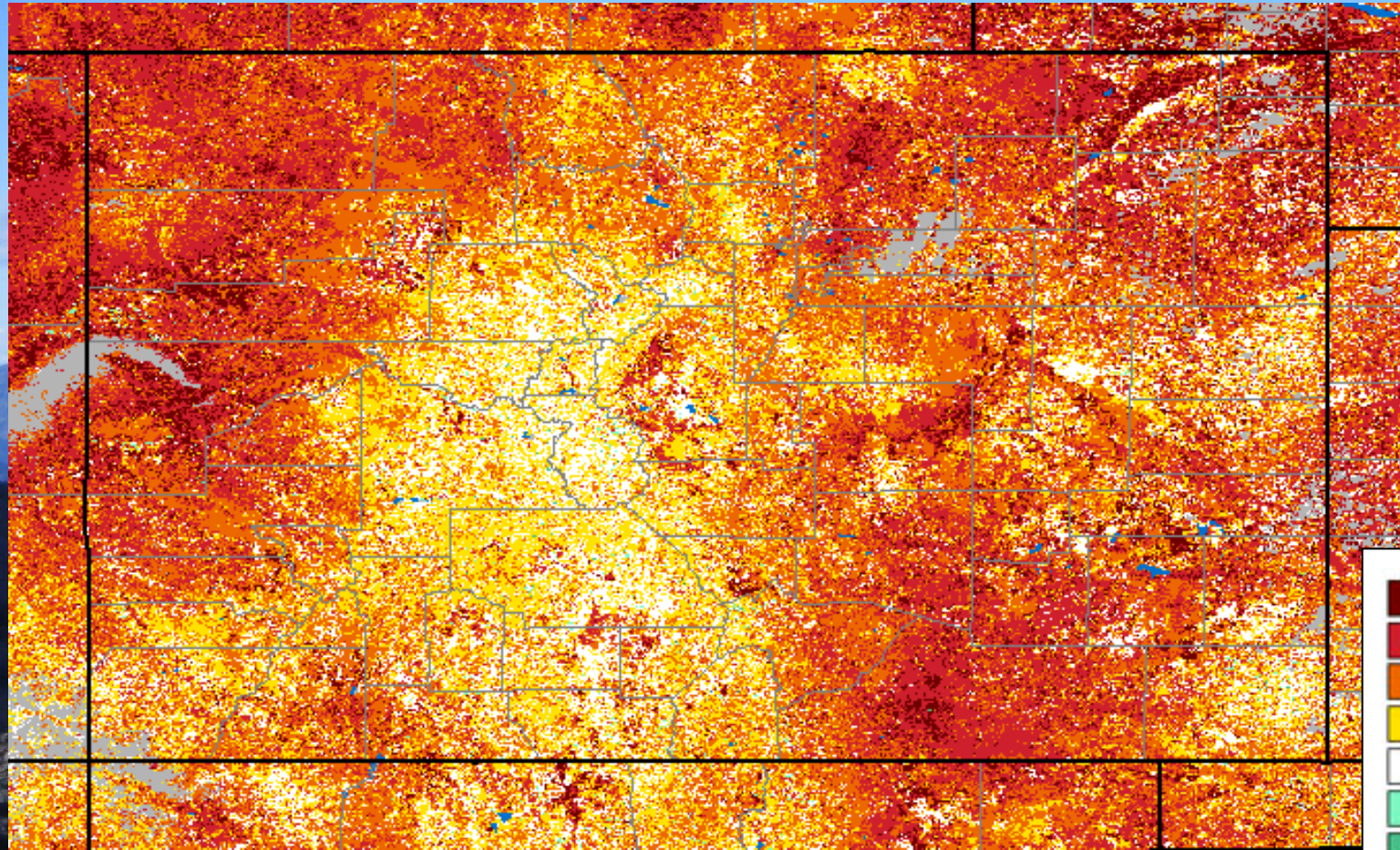


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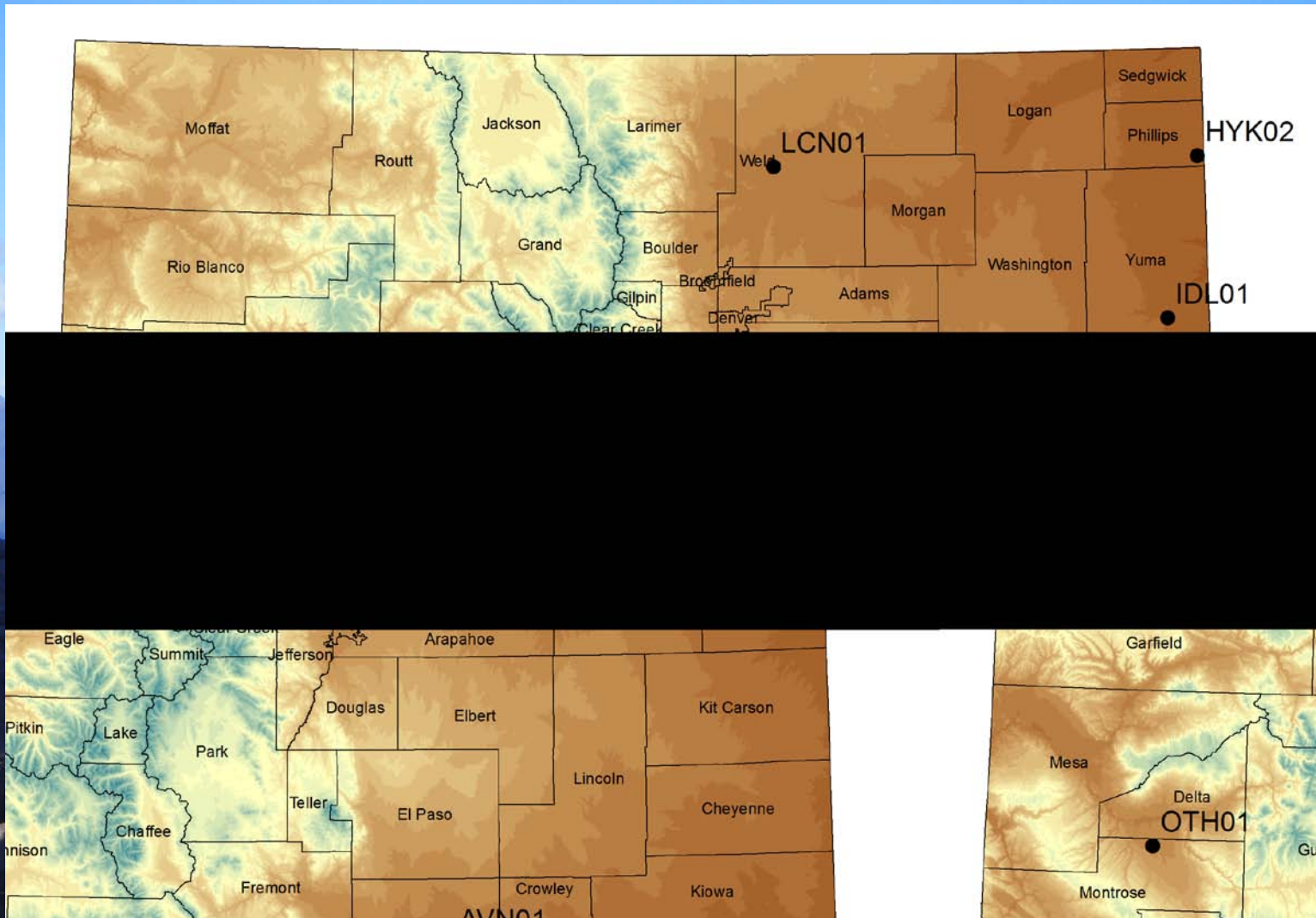
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eMODIS VegDRI Vegetation

23 September 2012

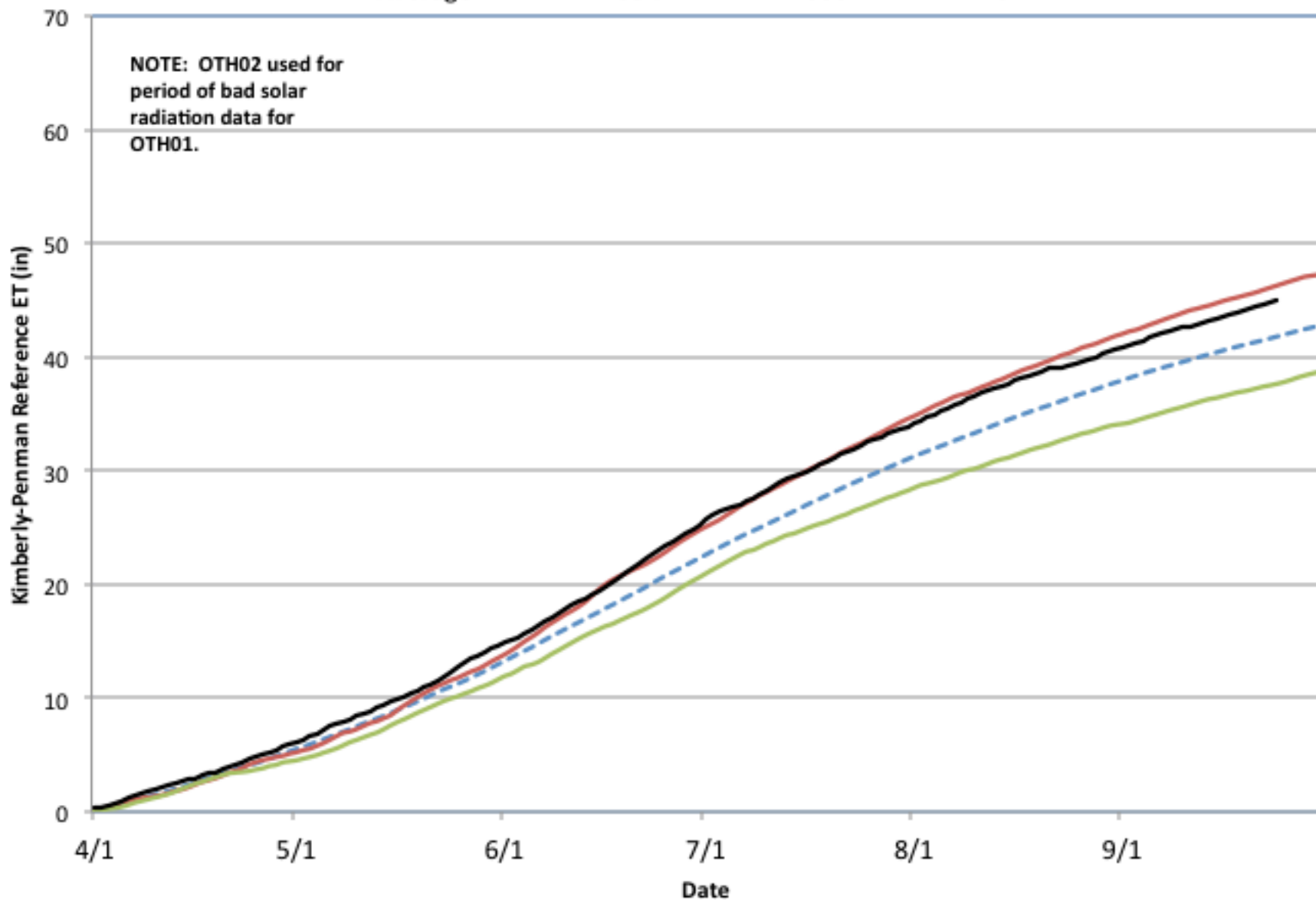


CoAgMet Reference Evapotranspiration Stations



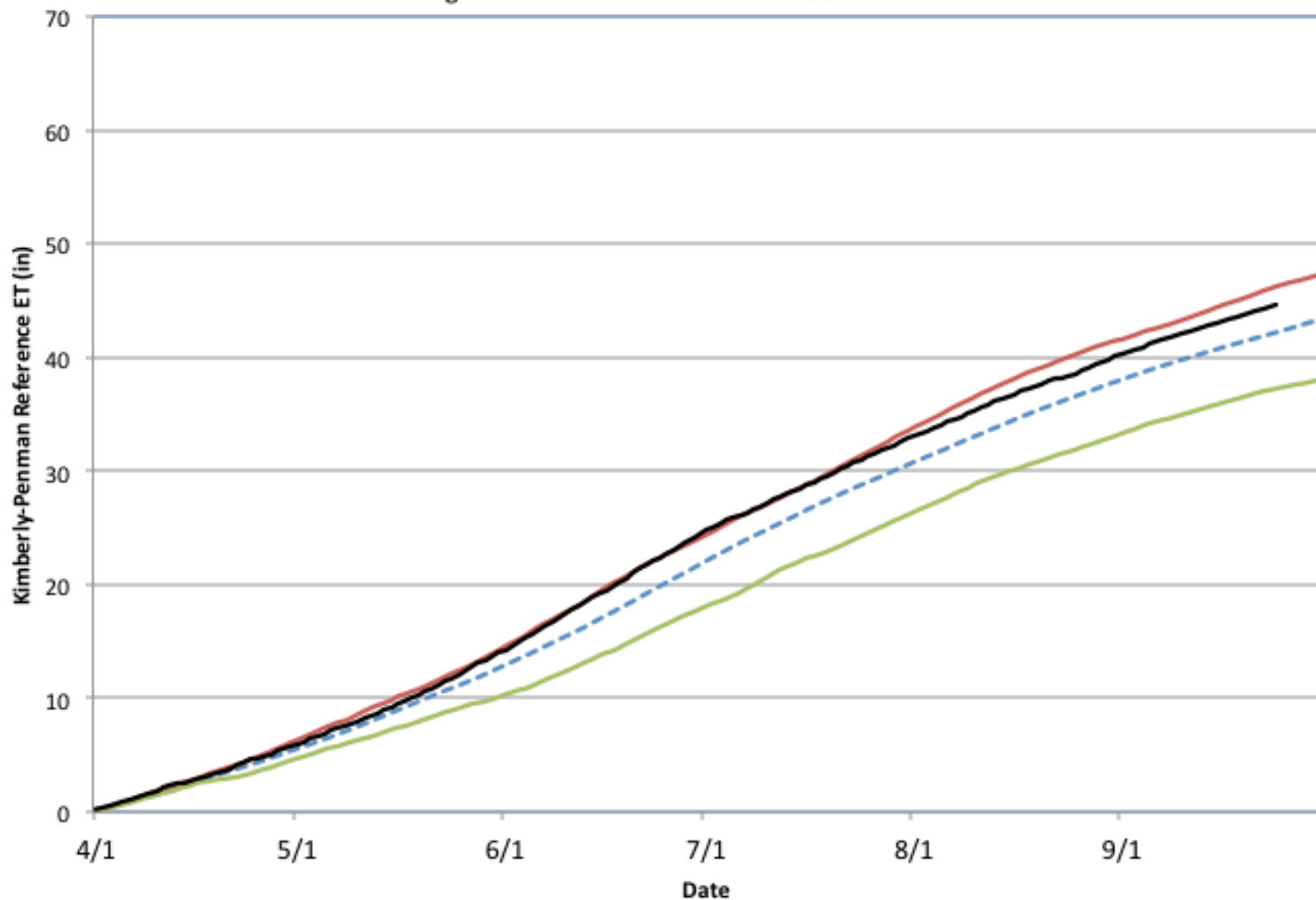
Olathe 1 & 2 Kimberly-Penman Reference ET (1993 - 2012)

--- Average — 1994 — 1999 — 2012



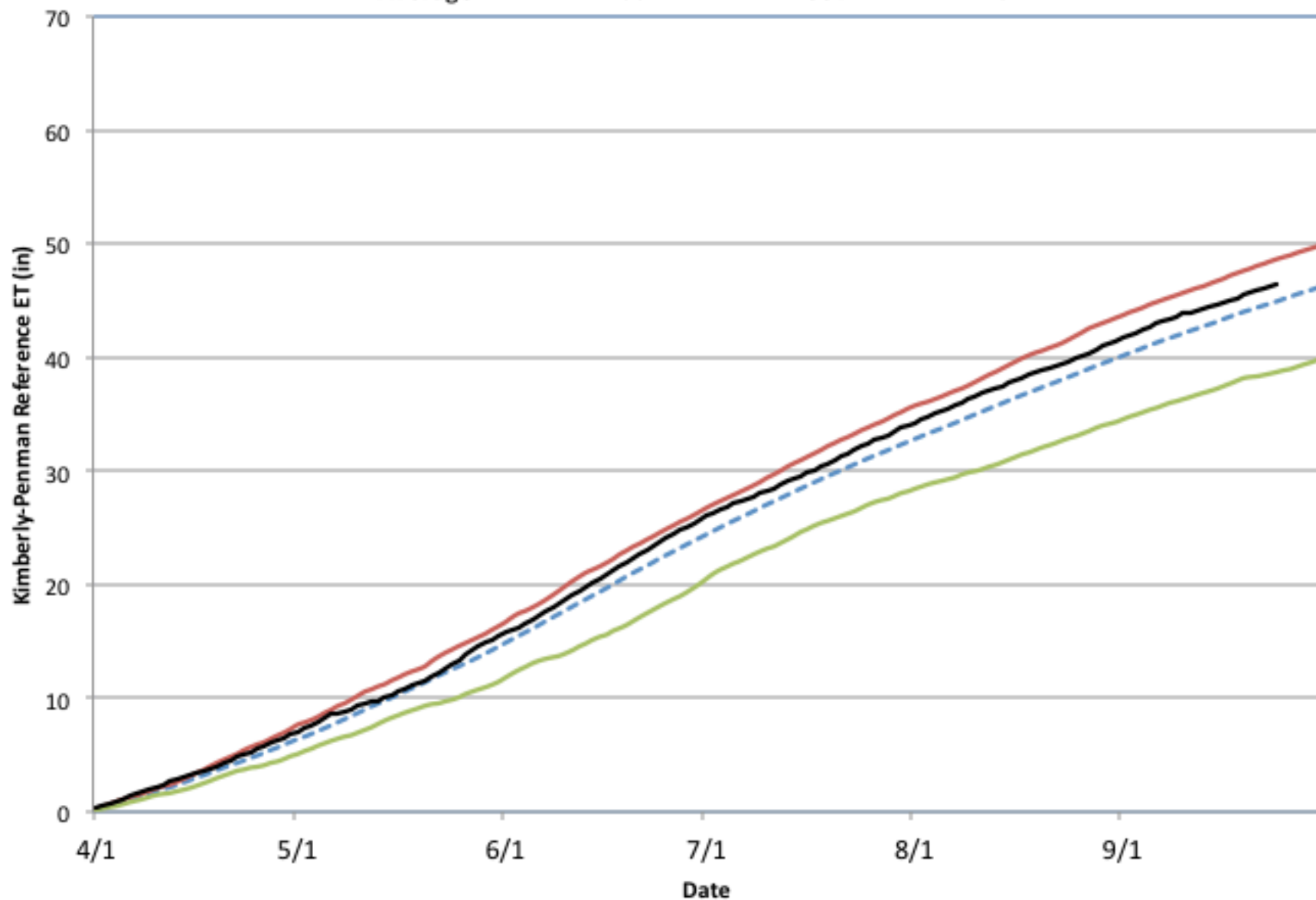
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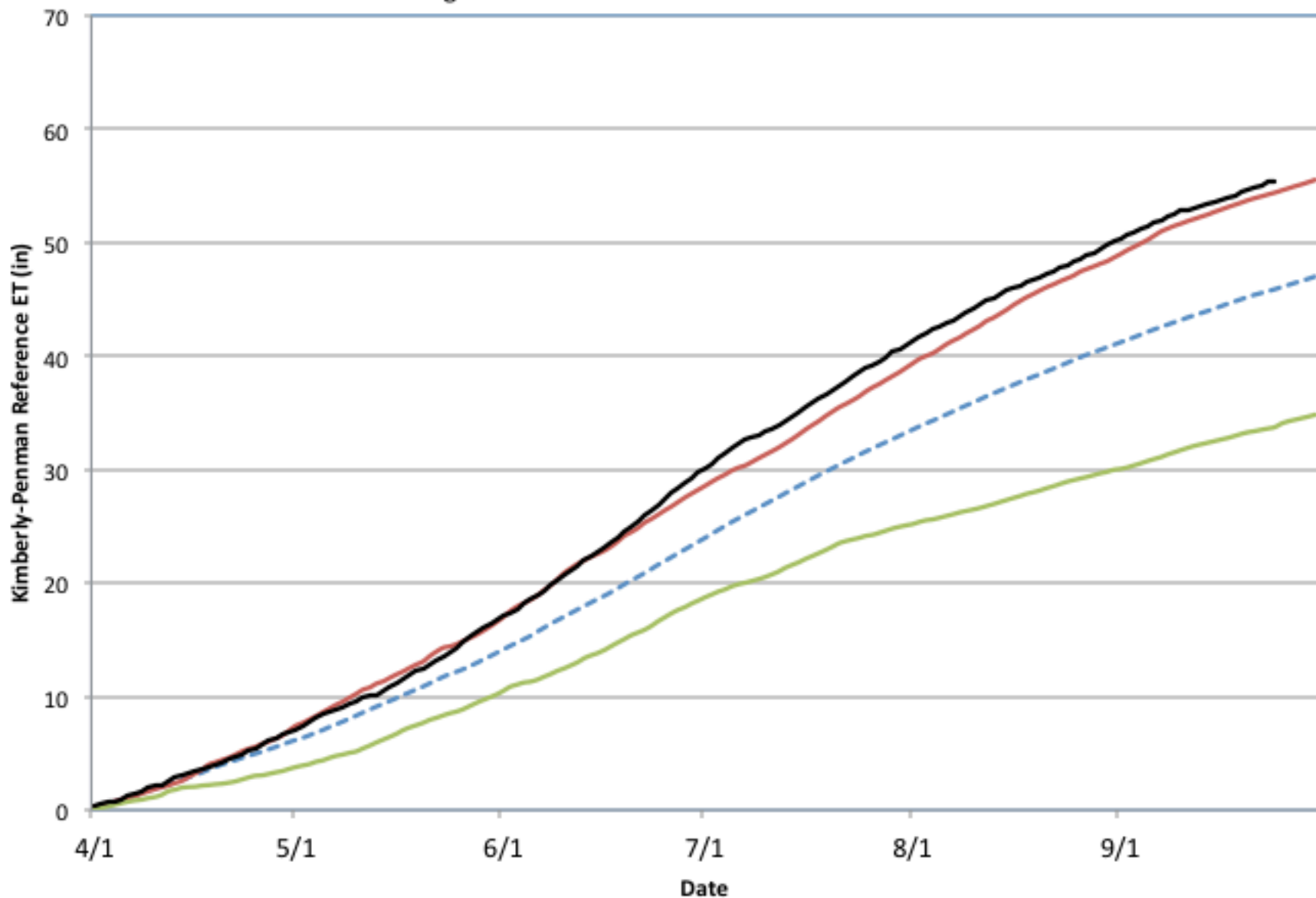
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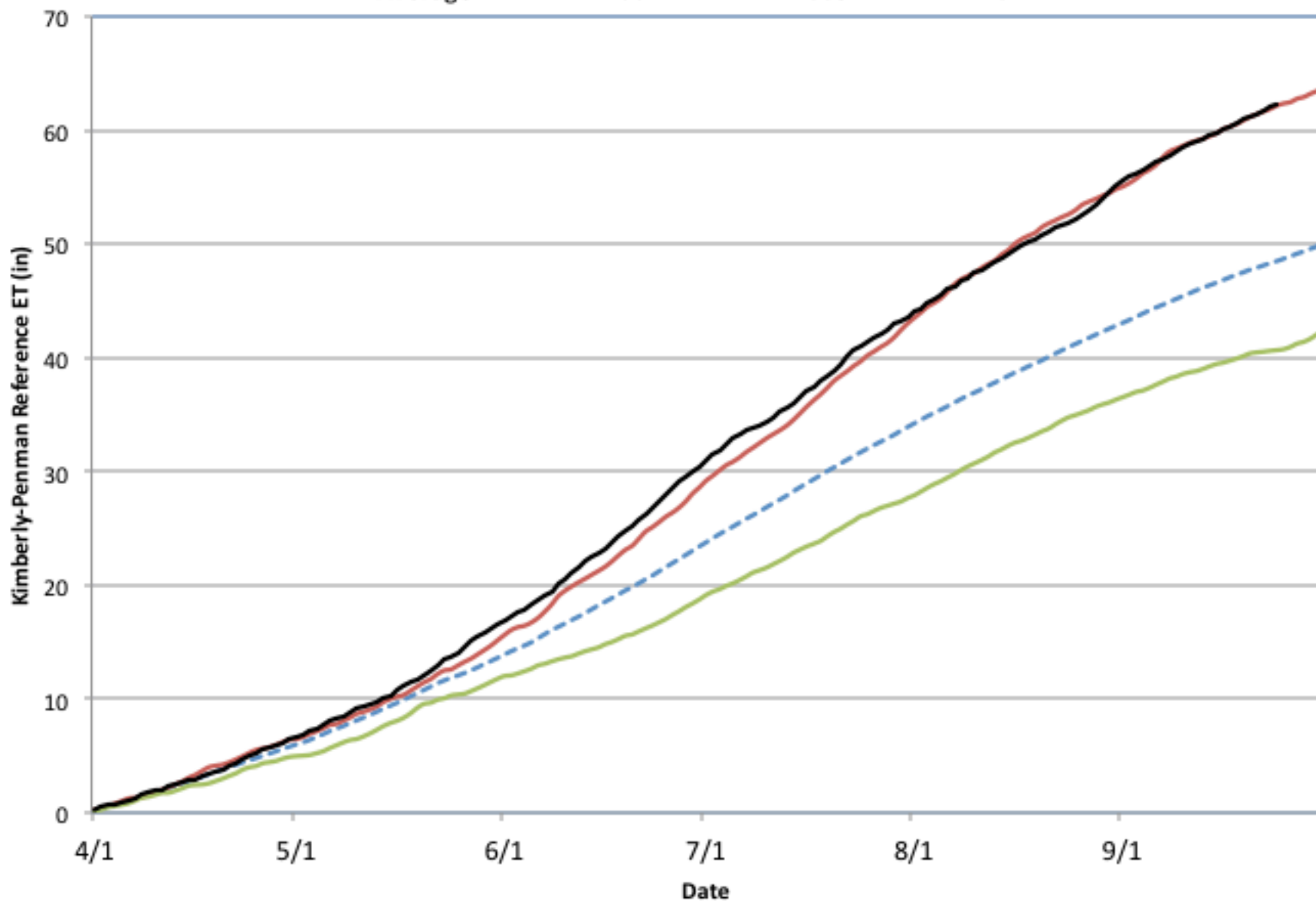
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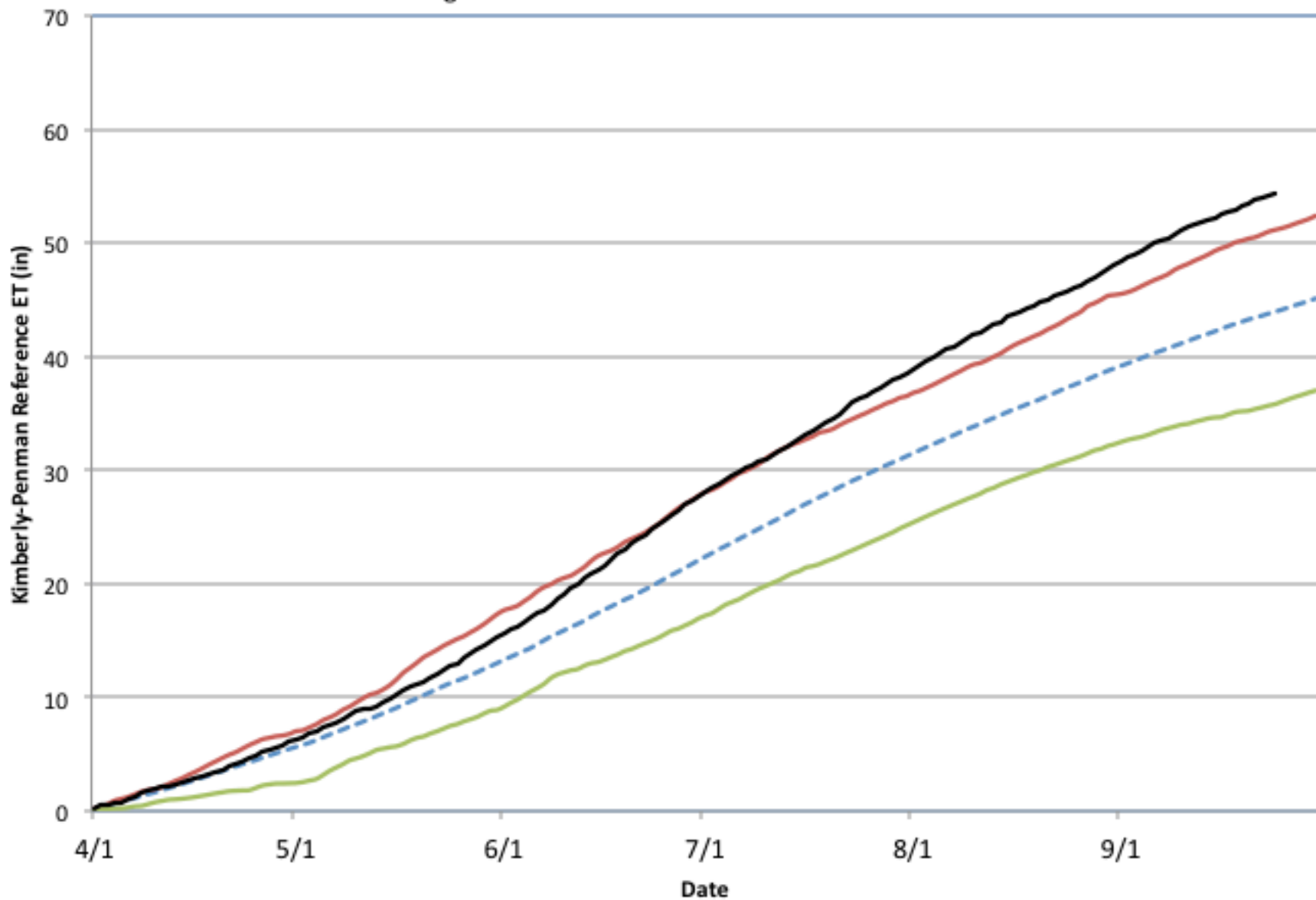
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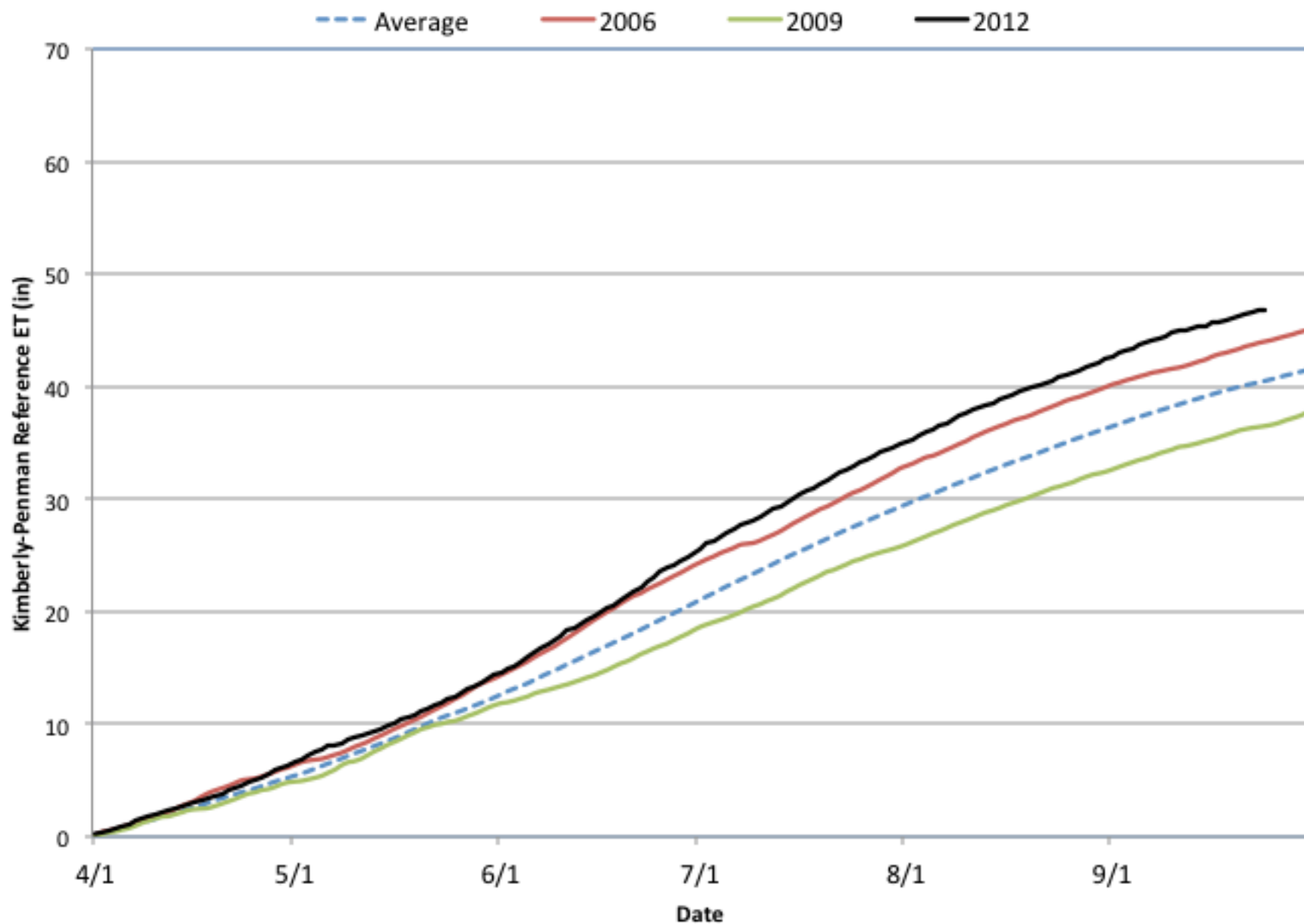


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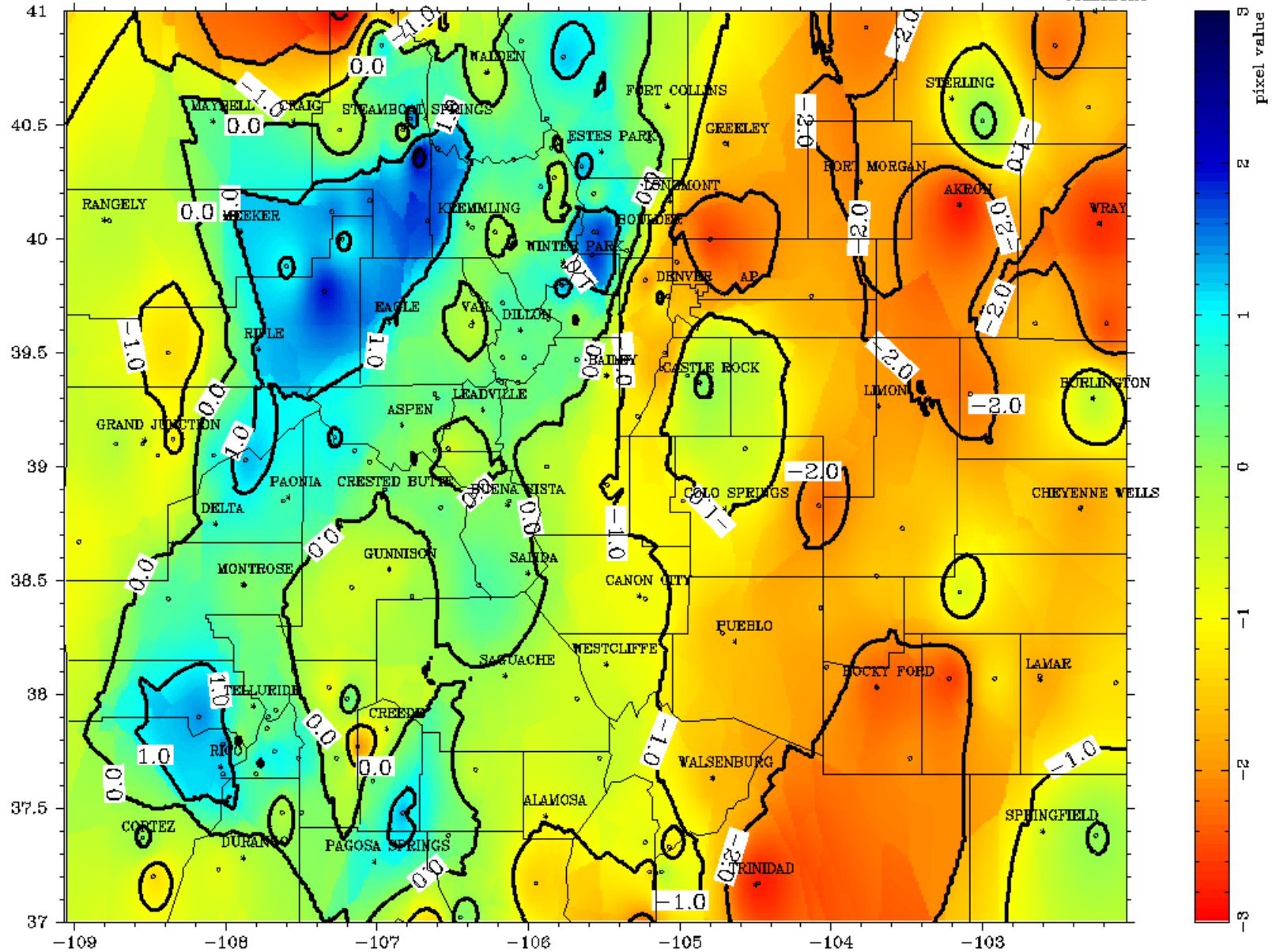
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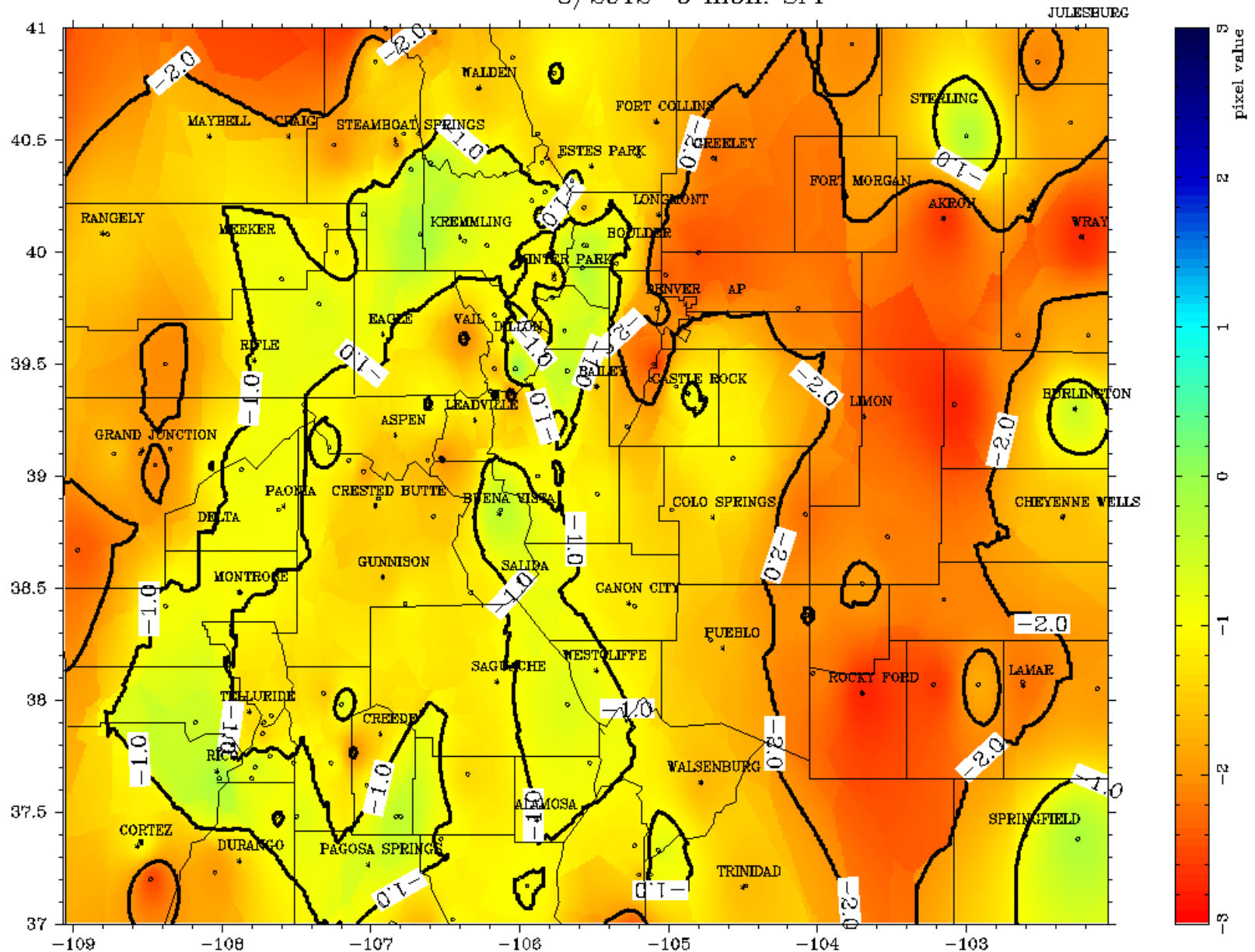


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94 % < 1.0	12 % < -2.0
72 % < 0.0	0 % < -3.0

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8/2012 6 mon. SPI



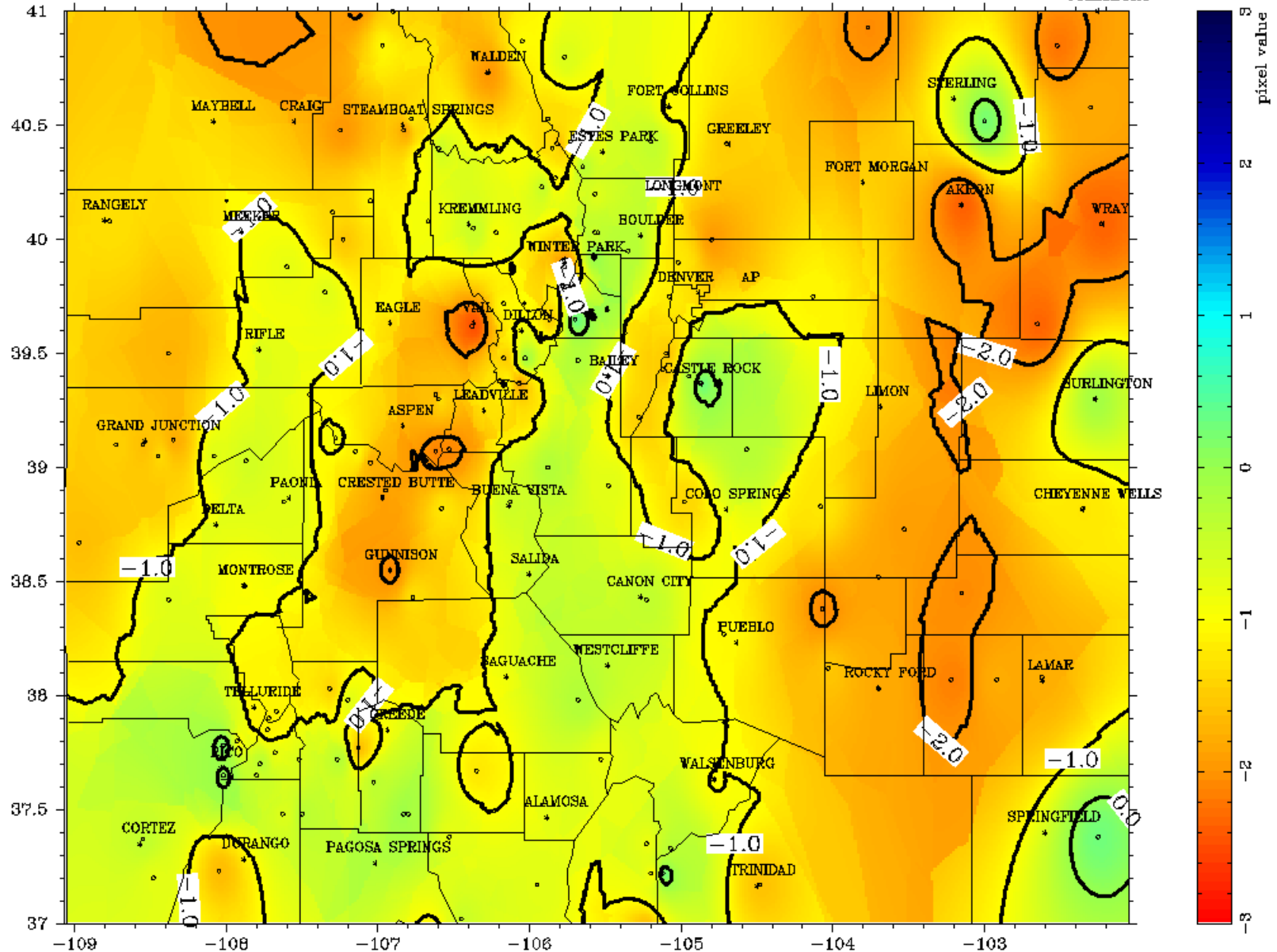
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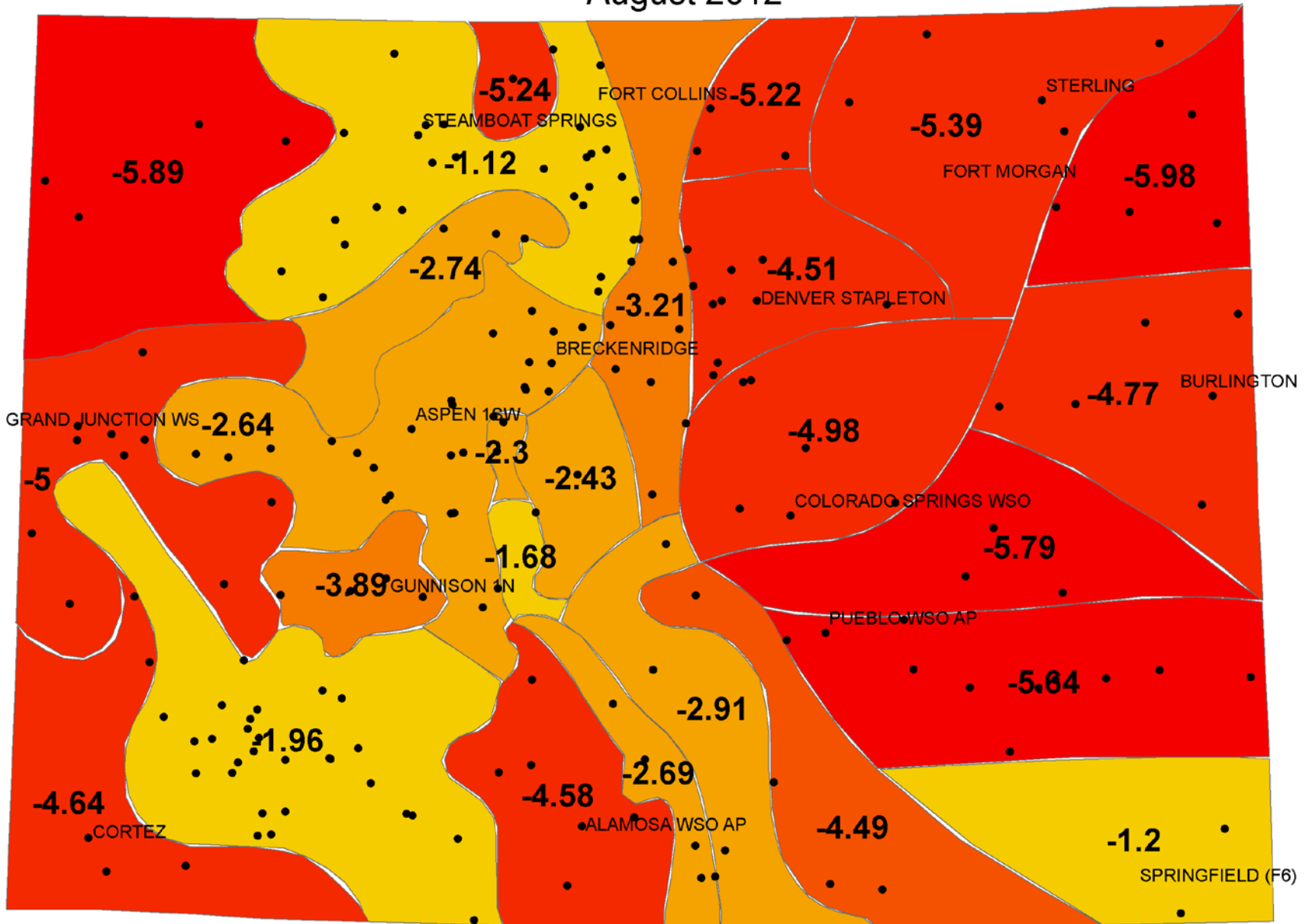
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100 % < 2.0	63 % < -1.0
100 % < 1.0	5 % < -2.0
99 % < 0.0	0 % < -3.0

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Modified Palmer Drought Severity Index for Colorado August 2012



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